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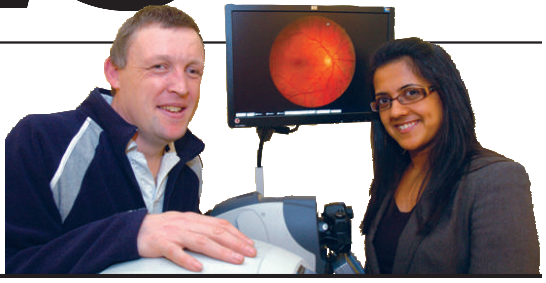

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Reading specs detour delayed poorly OAP's A&E admission

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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A PARAMEDIC has been suspended after she stopped to pick up her glasses while taking a critically-ill pensioner to A&E.

Rosalind Dixon, who has since been based in Milton Keynes, answered a 999 call from a 70-year-old man suffering considerable chest pains and low blood pressure in Rushden, Northants in 2005.

Though Mrs Dixon's colleague believed the patient was having a heart attack – he had already had one that year – she decided to stop off at Rushden Ambulance Station to pick up her reading glasses before continuing on to Kettering Hospital.

Mrs Dixon had obtained the patient's consent, but a Health Professions Council (HPC) hearing sitting this week heard she had spent too long in the patient's house and failed to recognise the seriousness of his condition. She also contravened guidelines by failing to warn the hospital of the urgent arrival of a patient complaining of chest pains.

A senior nurse at the hospital said that the man was 'clearly critically unwell'. A warning would have allowed them to prepare.

She also allowed a trainee technician to look after the patient en route, again contrary to guidelines.

The HPC panel, which concluded its two-day conduct and competence hearing yesterday, decided that all of these actions delayed the patient's admission to hospital.

They also heard that in 2005 Mrs Dixon took morphine from Kettering General Hospital without a witness.

On another occasion she administered a drug, metoclopramide, to a 16-year-old, though it should not be given to people under 20.

The HPC, the UK regulator, resolved that all these actions constituted misconduct and suspended Mrs Dixon from its register for the maximum period of one year.

At the time of the incidents she was based in Northamptonshire working for Two Shires Ambulance Service, from which she was dismissed in 2006 for gross misconduct.

After that she worked at the private Thames Valley Ambulance and Paramedic Service, based in Great Brickhill, but later left that organisation.

The HPC said that up until yesterday she had been working as a paramedic in Milton Keynes, but would not confirm for whom.

The panel said: 'There has been no evidence submitted that the conduct of Mrs Dixon has changed or improved and the panel therefore concludes that as of today's date (February 17) Mrs Dixon's fitness to practice is impaired'.

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The sponge really can fly!

SpongeBob SquarePants took flight in Milton Keynes on Friday.

The hit television character tested out the sky diving wind tunnel at Airkix in the Xscape centre.

SpongeBob was getting in some practice for his new stage show, SpongeBob SquarePants: The Sponge Who Could Fly!

The show opens at Milton Keynes Theatre today.

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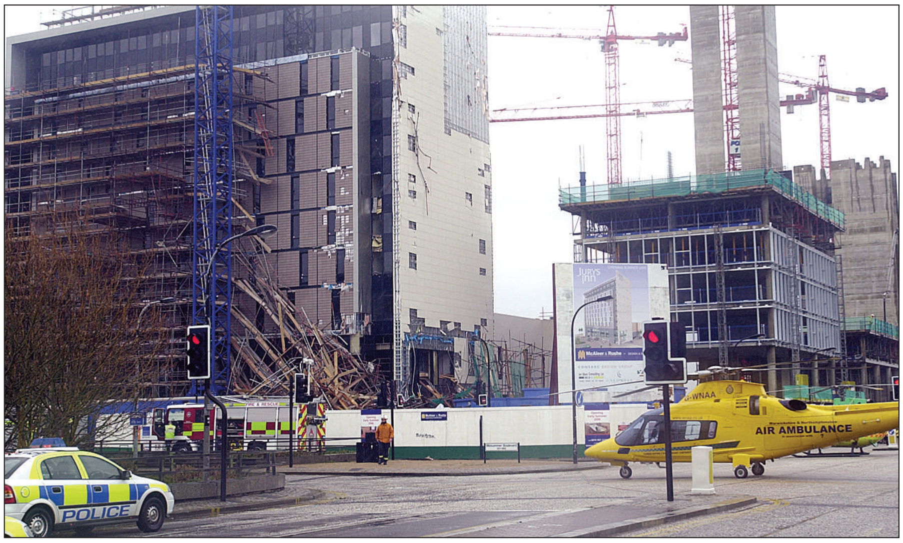

Firm pleads guilty to scaffold safety charge

A CONSTRUCTION company has pleaded guilty to health and safety breaches relating to the fatal scaffolding collapse at the Jurys Inn three years ago.

McAleer & Rushe Limited, of Cookstown, Northern Ireland pleaded guilty to two charges of breaches of health and safety regulations at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Friday.

The Health and Safety Executive is leading the prosecution against three companies and a director following the death of cladder John Robinson, 49, who was working on the scaffolding when it collapsed on April 11, 2006.

Two other workers, Mark Robinson and Ivan Peukov, suffered multiple injuries.

Magistrates ordered the case to Crown Court for sentencing.

Two other companies and a director face related charges.

Lee Smith Carpentry Limited, of Abby Park Industrial Estate, Romsey, Hampshire faces a total of five charges, as the employer of John and Mark Robinson.

NNM Scaffolding Limited, of Castle Street, Leicester, which has since gone into administration, faces five charges and a director, John David King, of Alicante, Spain faces four charges.

Neither company has yet indicated a plea and the case will go to Crown Court.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mr King, who failed to appear in court on Friday.

Early closing order may see club shut

BY ROB GIBSON

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A CITY nightclub could be face closure after door staff allegedly attacked a customer.

Buddha Blue nightclub, in the Theatre District, was closed over the weekend of February 6 and 7 after police urged the local licensing committee to take action.

A letter signed by Chief Superintendent Alan Baldwin was sent to Milton Keynes Council's licensing committee after police were called to reports of violent disorder on Sunday, February 1.

The letter said: 'Door security operatives left their posts, both inside and outside the premises, leaving it open to potential crime and disorder and were involved in a very violent incident 20 metres away from the premises'.

On Thursday, February 5 a subcommittee imposed three restrictions, including removing the club's managing director, Robin Lyle, who is the former BBC DJ, Crucial Robbie.

The club's licence was suspended for three days, the sale of alcohol restricted until midnight and the closing time altered from 3am and 4am to 1am.

It said that the club's security contractor, Trojan, must be replaced.

However on Monday, February 9 Mr Lyle filed an appeal. The decision on opening hours was overturned but the committee maintained that Mr Lyle should be removed until a full hearing in March.

Mr Lyle said: "We have removed the door team permanently. This is a rare occurrence at the club and we will work closely with local authorities and police to ensure we continue to provide a relaxed and safe environment."

He told the committee that the weekend closures cost the company around £30,000 and that restricting the hours would 'virtually close the business down' and 30 people would lose their jobs.

City to get cenotaph on 11.11.2011

THE city's first central war memorial is to be a cenotaph.

That is one outcome of a series of meetings surrounding Milton Keynes' lack of a monument to commemorate its war dead.

The Cenotaph Stakeholders' Group, as it is now being called, is looking at unveiling the structure on the symbolic date of November 11, 2011.

Members decided that a cenotaph – an empty tomb without names – would be more appropriate than a traditional war memorial.

The group, which has the support of the Territorial Army, Milton Keynes Council, Royal British Legion, Memorable Order of the Tin Hats, Parks Trust and English Partnerships, is still to consider its site and design.

Several sites have been offered, including the area outside Midsummer Place by Gap, part of City Square, and the fountain in Campbell Park.

Cllr Mike Barry, branch chairman of Newport Pagnell Royal British Legion, said the decision is a significant step.

In October MK NEWS revealed that the first talks were taking place to bring the city a central memorial, with Cllr Sam Crooks proposing it be placed in the city gardens behind the church.

Gavin Anderson, community organiser, said: "It's not about celebrating war, it's about remembering our fallen. We have no central point for public grief.

"When the Queen Mother died, people laid flowers at Marks and Spencer."

Remembering our fallen: community organiser Gavin Anderson

Medical first for cancer fight girl

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A SCHOOLGIRL is on the road to recovery after undergoing surgery for a rare form of leukaemia.

Eight-year-old Nia Schell, from Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge, has vowed to 'kick cancer in the butt' after having a bone marrow transplant.

Nia was diagnosed with a rare form of the disease, called acute lymphoblastic leukaemia with Philadelphia positive chromosome, in March last year after little red spots appeared on her body.

She has spent most of the last nine months in hospital undergoing intensive chemotherapy, but needed a bone marrow transplant to try and cure her of the disease.

A rare heart condition, for which she underwent open heart surgery when she was a toddler, made the outcome of the procedure more uncertain.

Her mother, Corinna, said: "The doctors said there was no precedent as no one else in the world who has a pre-existing heart condition has had a bone marrow transplant.

Kicking cancer in the butt: Nia Schell

"This made it a lot more risky as they didn't know how her heart would react, but we decided we had to go ahead as it was her only chance of a cure."

A donor was found in Germany after tests found Nia's seven-month-old brother, Finn, was not a match. Nia went through the operation in December at Bristol Children's Hospital and is recovering at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

Nia has only been able to attend class in the Caroline Haslett Primary School four times since she was diagnosed and will not be able to return to school for six months.

The family must wait two years before she can be given the all clear.

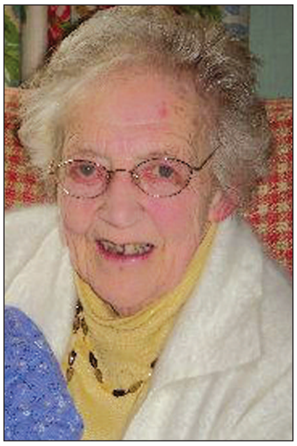
In an internet blog Nia wrote: 'My chemo angel Jo told me to kick the cancer in the butt and this is what I am doing.'

Corinna, who is German, and Nia's dad John, an American who works in telecommunications, are very proud of the courage she has shown.

"She is eight going on 18," added Corinna, who works as a product manager for Mercedes in Milton Keynes. "She knows all about the treatment she is receiving and can talk knowledgeably to doctors and nurses."

The family, who have lived in Milton Keynes for nine years after moving from Germany, hope Nia's story will encourage more people to donate bone marrow and blood.

Wartime code-cracker killed on her way home from church


Hit by car: Mary Adams

A PENSIONER who died after being hit by a car on her way home from church was one of Winston Churchill's code breakers during the Second World War.

Yesterday the family of Mary Adams, from Hipwell Court, Olney, released a tribute to the great grandmother and revealed her former occupation at Bletchley Park, home of the code breakers.

The 89-year-old was walking home from church when she was hit by a Peugeot 306 estate as she crossed Bridge Street in Olney, on Sunday, February 1.

She was airlifted to the John Radcliffe Hospital, where she later died.

Mrs Adams was a mother of two, grandmother of five and great grandmother of six.

Her family said: "She was strong willed and had a heart of gold.

"She originally worked as a code breaker during World War Two, before retiring as a doctor's receptionist in Newport Pagnell.

"Mrs Adams was an active lady who was always busy in Olney.

"A devoted Christian, she carried out work for St Paul and St Peters Church in Olney.

"Mrs Adams was proud and formal in her approach.

"She loved life and will be sadly missed by her family and everybody who knew her."

A 55-year-old man from Olney has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by careless driving and has been released on police bail, pending further investigations.

Any witnesses are urged to contact Sgt Keith Lavery on 08458 505505.

No public cash for stadium art project

THE Ring of Steel project at stadiummk has suffered another blow after councillors rejected proposals to divert £100,000 of public art funds to help rescue it.

The artwork was conceived to mark the 40th birthday of Milton Keynes in 2007 and was designed by artist Gordon Young to include photos of 40,000 people on steel within the inner concourse of stadiummk.

So far the not-for-profit community project has received funding from Milton Keynes Council and stadiummk, but last week's application to divert £100,000 of public art money from the neighbouring estate, Ashlands, shows that there is a desperate cash shortage.

Following a meeting of Milton Keynes Council's development control committee on Thursday, a spokesman said: "The Ring of Steel funding proposal was rejected as it was deemed to be private art and not public."

The original application included a contribution of £100,000 towards public art for Ashlands, but there are currently no proposals for an arts project there.

Last week's application proposed free portraits for around 750 residents moving to the new estate, but it was rejected and the MK Dons Sport and Education Trust will now have to look elsewhere for the cash.

Nearly 25,000 schoolchildren had their portraits taken free of charge, but the trust has still not sold all of the portrait spaces, which cost £30-a-head.

A spokesman for the MK Dons Sport and Education Trust said: "We would like to reassure everyone that it is our intention to complete a unique and brilliant project Milton Keynes can be immensely proud of."

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Council on the right track – if you've got a four-track

SIR – My road is at the top of a hill which remained untreated for the whole of the bad weather and still had thick patches of ice on it days after the last snow fell.

For the first week, only the brave and those with four-wheel drive vehicles even attempted to use it.

Having rung one of my councillors I discovered that the council's policy was to treat only major roads, however long the bad weather lasted and however bad it got.

At its most recent meeting it congratulated itself on having successfully implemented this policy.

The problem is that Milton Keynes is so designed that, particularly on the older estates, the vast majority of houses are not on major roads.

Maybe that is why, as you reported, up to four out of ten people were unable to reach these beautifully clear roads and get to work.

We cannot assume that the recent weather extremes will not be repeated.

I would therefore urge the council to consider how it might set itself more imaginative goals for the future.

Georgina Baidoun
Pastern Place, Downs Barn

Willen worries add to list of struggling voluntary organisations

SIR – It is very worrying to hear that the excellent Willen Hospice is facing a budget deficit of more than half a million pounds this year (MK NEWS last week).

It is the latest in an increasing list of voluntary organisations in Milton Keynes which are facing problems as a result of the current economic climate.

In the past few months we have learnt that MK Equality Council, MK Credit Union, MK CAB and now Willen Hospice all have major challenges with either a shortage of funds or a massive increase in their workload, or both.

We need a major debate about what, as a society, our funding priorities should be.

For example, we appear to have £45billion to waste on an ID card scheme which won't work, £75billion to squander on replacing Trident missiles which, if they were ever used, would ruin the planet.

And since 2001 we have wasted more than £14billion on futile wars in Afghanistan and Iraq which have killed 323 British soldiers, made us a terrorist target and achieved very little.

Yet we apparently cannot find the money to adequately support invaluable, cost effective and sensitive services provided by MKEC,MKCU, MKCAB and Willen Hospice.

What does this say about our current funding priorities and our values as a nation?

We need a reality check on what is important in 21st century Britain.

Dave Brunwin
Pyxe Court. Walton Park

Road network not up to 'super' Tesco traffic

SIR – I write in reference to the planned Tesco expansion in Wolverton.

I read it will create a Tesco the size of the one at Kingston, which enjoys excellent road links (such as V11, Tongwell Street).

On the other hand, Wolverton is a traditional Victorian town, and the Tesco is served by Stratford Road, Wolverton Road and McConnell Drive.

Pretending that these roads have the same load capacity as the V11 is quite ridiculous.

Wolverton's Victorian road network can not cope with the amount of traffic that a huge Tesco would generate, and it would cause chaos in nearby streets too.

Tesco will claim that customers have a choice -–but actually, huge supermarkets kill off nearby shops and distant village stores too, so people will have less choice, not more.

Wolverton needs sensible regeneration plans, not a store that will cause chaos for residents.

Perhaps Tesco could cope with refurbishing its store and spending the rest of the money on improving the infrastructure for all residents?

I'm sure everyone would welcome Tesco thanking residents for their custom by paying for every back street to be resurfaced.

Every little helps.

John Baker
Woughton

■ SIR – Re the letter 'Bigger Tesco not better' last week.

I totally agree with everything said in it. Why can Tesco not see that the shop is so popular because of its size.

Also on the subject of supermarkets, I rarely shop at Sainsbury's in CMK since it moved 'down the road' because as a bus user it is such a pain.

When it was at the food hall it was so convenient to pop in when visiting the city centre so now I often use Waitrose instead.

Doreen Tidy
Mursley Court, Stony Stratford

'Murph' memories

SIR – Regarding 'Builder who died on redway a good bloke' (MK NEWS last week).

We knew Keith (known as Murph) many years ago from the Redbridge Club.

He was a lovely family man and, like his wife said, very humorous. We had many a laugh with Murph, he will be missed.

Our condolances go to Sandra and his family.

Julie and Ray Dodd
Sent by e-mail

Blame the weather

SIR – With reference to your front page story 'Counting the cost of a winter wonderland' last week.

I can appreciate that many were affected by the snow we had last week, but I feel it was just an excuse in many cases.

When I was younger we still had to go to school, my parents still went to work and the rubbish was collected and the conditions in the 70s and 80s were worse than it was last week.

As for the roads, many were gritted and perhaps saw a snow plough.

The potholes have been a problem for some time now, so that has obviously been blamed on the weather as well.

Many of the H and V roads have deteriated over the last few years, so its a good job we had the snow so the council has something to blame.

Wendy
Sent by e-mail

Ghana facts

SIR – I eagerly read your article on 'Teacher does homework for African school' as I am a Ghanaian born in Britain.

I was very disappointed to find there were a number of inaccuracies in the article.

The first point is that Ghana has one of the lowest occurrences of AIDS/HIV in Black Africans.

The rate of occurrence is around 2.3 per cent to 3.6 per cent (USAID 2006). It is sad that there are people who have fallen to this terrible disease, but when neighbouring countries have rates of 11 per cent and 23 per cent and other parts of Africa suffer 40-60 per cent then obviously Ghana's rate is miniscule in comparison. Ghana should therefore not be portrayed as a country suffering an epidemic.

The second point is that Ghana does not have street children who are orphans. Ghana has a highly organised system of natural family adoption which works very well.

If adults who have children pass away, then relatives automatically assume responsibility.

The third point is that state schools in Ghana are actually free for children between the ages of six to 15. They do not have good facilities and run for only half a day, leaving the children with lots of spare time which the parents use by giving various house chores.

Ghana has rather a good record compared to its neighbours for not employing child labour.

It therefore surprises me when someone states the country is awash with children orphaned with AIDS/HIV and that children cannot access any education. I applaud The Forgotten Children Charity for the passion it has in wishing to help Ghana but I appeal to it to examine the best way forward in its quest.

Joan Dejan
Sent by e-mail

Half shares

SIR – I live in Loughton. Two bungalows on my street are occupied by severely disabled ladies who have daily carers, one by senior citizens who are disabled, one whose occupant who is abroad nine months of the year and the final one is out on business all day.

Part of the road has been adopted by the council and the other part is unadopted.

The council will only come along the adopted part of the road for refuse collection and maintenance.

To enable for the collection of the refuse the occupants of three bungalows have to ensure the bins have been placed on the designated council section of the road as the vehicles or council workers will not encroach on the private section.

On the council section of the road there is one lamp post which only lights a small area.

For external lighting all the bungalows have had to fit their own outside lights so the occupants are able to see after dark.

The trees which overgrow the road have to be maintained by the bungalow occupants at an additional cost to themselves despite paying full council rates.

In the latest cold spell the road remained untreated despite the council gritting on other roads. The road was so dangerous it was only able to be navigated in a 4x4 vehicle.

I am pleased that at long last this issue is being given the focus it rightly deserves.

Mrs B F Edwards
Loughton

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Chip tune maestro set to compose on Colossus

MODERN music will soon be heard from some of the earliest and rarest computers in the world at The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park

The project, entitled ‘Obsolete?’, is the brainchild of internationally renowned chip tune musician Matthew C Applegate, above, and is being funded by the Performing Rights Society Foundation.

It will culminate in a series of concerts at Bletchley Park Mansion on March 20 and 21.

Matthew said: “The music of Obsolete? will be made from machines such as Colossus Mark 2, the rebuild of the world’s first programmable electronic computer used for code breaking during the Second World War, the Elliot 803 from the 1960s, a giant machine with only 4k of memory, and of course some vintage favourites like the BBC Micro.

“It’s a fantastic privilege to work with such unique and rare computers.”

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Cancer man glad he’d gone to Specsavers

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE

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A FATHER-OF-TWO who went for a routine eye test only to find out he had cancer says Specsavers are lifesavers.

Robert Osbourn, 44, visited the opticians in thecentre:mk after his workplace, pneumatics company Parker KV in Crownhill, offered employees free eye tests.

But when the dispatch supervisor was examined by senior optometrist Darshni Shah, she spotted something was wrong.

Within days Mr Osbourn, who lives in Buckingham, was referred to Stoke Mandeville Hospital and diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia, for which he had to be treated immediately.

Had he not caught it early, it would have become acute and resulted in him undergoing chemotherapy.

Robert Osbourn

Darshini Shah

But thanks to the optometrist spotting retinal haemorrhages behind Robert’s eyes, he did not even have to take a day off work, though he will remain on medication for the rest of his life.

Mr Osbourn, who has since returned to the store to give staff a bottle of champagne, said: “I didn’t even realise I was unwell. I only went to get my eyes tested because my company was offering free tests to employees.

“The cancer crept up on me. I dread to think what would have happened if my optician had not spotted something was wrong. She saved my life.”

Raj Shah, store director of Specsavers in thecentre:mk, said: “This is something that could have been fatal if left untreated. It proves that by going the extra step to ensure the overall health of the patient, things like leukaemia can be detected from a routine Specsavers eye examination. Most importantly, we are just happy that we have made a difference.”

Canal death Ferrrari F1 fan was three-times over limit

LOVING husband Virginio Da Ros drowned in an accident at the canal near his home.

The body of Mr Da Ros, 46, was spotted by a woman who was boating along the Grand Union Canal, near Stoke Road, Water Eaton, on November 3 last year.

At an inquest on Friday a doctor revealed post mortem results showing that Mr Da Ros had drunk more than three times the legal amount of alcohol for drivers.

Coroner Rodney Corner said: “There’s no evidence that he was suicidal. I’m more inclined to think he slipped on something.

“He had too much alcohol and it would make anyone unsteady.”

Mr Da Ros’s wife, Grazia, said: “He loved walking along the canal.

“Everyone misses him at work because he was such a lovely man.

“He was helpful and caring, he loved his family and he was proud of everything he had.”

She told the coroner that her husband could not swim.

Born in Caneva, Italy, Mr Da Ros moved to Katrine Place, Bletchley, and had worked as a machine setter at a printers in Bletchley for seven years.

He was last seen by his son the previous evening, when he left the house, upset after watching Ferrari driver Felipe Massa lose the Formula One World Championship to Lewis Hamilton on television.

Mr Corner said: “He was a keen motor racing watcher, Ferrari is the flagship car made in Italy and he wanted them to win.

“Clearly he was affected by the race.”

Verdict: accidental death.

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stadiummk groundsman Joe Aylett is joined by fans to clear the snow from the pitch

Snow joke – MK Dons fans turn up to clear pitch for Hartlepool game

MK Dons have expressed the club's gratitude to volunteers who ensured the game against Hartlepool United went ahead on Saturday.

The club appealed to supporters for assistance in clearing a snow-covered pitch at the stadium.

Winter weather conditions over the past two weeks cast doubt over the League One fixture and the snow was left on the covers protecting the grass until the last possible moment to act as an insulator against the frost.

While snow ploughs made the stadiummk car park safe, Dons fans and staff helped groundsman Joe Aylett remove the snow from the grass.

A club spokesman said: "No sooner had we put a request out for volunteers, than people were arriving at the stadium with shovels in their hands and smiles on their faces. From the middle of last week right up to an hour before kick-off, the sense of community spirit was incredible as supporters worked tirelessly with ground staff to get the pitch ready for Saturday's game. The team's victory was just reward for everyone's efforts."

Manager Roberto Di Matteo said: "I'd like to thank everybody that has been involved in clearing the pitch and getting the pitch ready – everybody at the club plus all the volunteers and supporters. We were really keen to get the game on."

Tree-lovers prevent chainsaw massacre

BY ROB GIBSON

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THE sound of chainsaws startled residents in a leafy village when council workers began clearing trees on a picturesque roundabout without warning.

One villager described the incident as 'a massacre' as neighbours and councillors rushed to the scene to protest against the destruction of trees on the roundabout at the entrance of Middleton.

Workers from Milton Keynes Council began felling field maple and ash trees at 8.30am on Saturday and within minutes residents were out in force, asking for an explanation and phoning ward councillors John Bint and Sam Crooks.

Sue Hill, whose home faces the Griffith Gate roundabout, said: "I went rushing out there to ask them what they were doing and I asked them to stop."

Eventually the residents emerged victorious and the workers stepped down, their job unfinished.

Cllr Bint said: "Thanks to the quick actions of nearby residents I was able to rush to the spot and ensure that the work was halted.

"It seems that the council had decided to chop down all the trees, pull up the roots and replant the roundabout with flower bulbs, small hedges and three feature cedar trees. The officers involved have admitted that there had been no consultation with residents, the parish council, or with me as ward councillor."

Chris Hill said: "It's unbelievable, a massacre really. I hope this will stop them getting involved in these projects without consulting people again. We've lived here for seven years and we like these trees and so do the birds."

A council spokesman said: "This patch was overly densely populated with trees and the idea is to replace them with a more decorative variety, more befitting one of the major 'gateways' to the city.

"However, now that we are aware of the feelings of residents, we will be speaking to them before continuing with this work."

Middleton residents look on as council workmen cut down trees at Griffith Gate – their protests got the work stopped

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Biker slid into telegraph pole

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A BIKER from Great Horwood was killed when he came off his motorbike at a bend, an inquest has heard.

Steven Charles Butcher, 52, from Little Horwood Road, died at Milton Keynes Hospital on Saturday, January 31.

An inquest, opened last Tuesday, heard Mr Butcher was riding his Honda 600cc motorbike on the A413 from Winslow towards Buckingham when his bike dropped onto the road at a bend.

Both he and the motorbike slid onto the grass verge and Mr Butcher collided with a telegraph pole.

He was on his way to Swindon, where he was born, to visit his parents.

The emergency services were called and he was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital where he was confirmed dead.

Roads policing officers are investigating the incident. The inquest was adjourned until April.

Mr Butcher worked with horses at Fair Winter Farm, a stud farm in Great Horwood, for two years.

His wife, Sally, told MK News: “He was a country man, he loved animals and wild life. He devoted his life to working with horses. He had been riding a motorbike since he was a kid.

“We both ride, we have been on trips around Europe; he had ridden miles and miles and then this happened just around the corner. That’s the chance you take when you ride motorbikes I’m afraid.

“He was a very honest, loyal man, very well liked.”

Died on bend: Steven Butcher

Eco town plans dropped

A BID to build an eco town near Milton Keynes has been dropped by the developer.

London-based OH Properties Ltd, the firm behind proposals for 15,000 homes in Marston Vale, is out of the running to build one of the 15 new towns planned by the Government for areas across England.

But the site, between Bedford and Milton Keynes, could still be the location for a settlement as the developer intends to apply to build housing through the normal planning process.

David Reavell, director of O&H Properties Ltd said: “After a searching review, we have made the decision to withdraw from the current eco-town evaluation process.

“It is clear to me that sustainable development in Marston Vale will be best achieved through the plan-led system.”

As reported in MK NEWS previously, the council has raised concerns about the impact of the plans on the future growth of Milton Keynes and the strain on local infrastructure, such as on hospitals, water supplies, roads and transport links.

Mr Reavell has said the new carbon-neutral town would be self-sufficient and will fund its own infrastructure.

20-20 vision of battling bands in a Eurovision-style contest

EVENT organisers are hoping MK will be more successful than the UK when it comes to song contests.

Arts group Monkey Kettle is staging the first Eurovision-style music competition in Milton Keynes, dividing the city into 20 areas, each of which will be represented by 20 bands on Saturday, March 28.

The MoneyVision Song Contest, held at music venue The Pitz, requires acts who either work or live in the city to play one song of their own composition.

Prizes for the winners include an amp, recording studio time and a band photo-shoot.

Each act will nominate someone, a band member or friend, to be a judge, who will cast their votes on the other groups in the same way the viewing public does at the Eurovision Song Contest.

Organisers ask: ‘Will Caldecotte trounce all rivals, or will the winners be from Tattenhoe? Will Pineham even manage to raise a band, given that it’s the sewage works?’

Brian Amyes, one of the people behind the event, is unsure how the competitiveness will play out - whether the music will kindle inter-estate rivalries, or the eastern flank areas will form an eastern bloc-style coalition. But he is just determined to ensure the competition is diverse.

“We’re open for bands to apply for the selection process and we want as many bands entering as possible. We don’t like limiting it to a certain genre. We want to get as far into the consciousness of MK as we can. Milton Keynes is diverse, it has a lot to offer, and we want our contest to reflect that.”

At the moment entrants are being whittled down to the final 20, but if you think you could represent your area there is still time to apply before February 28 at www.monkeykettle.co.uk/monkeyvision.html

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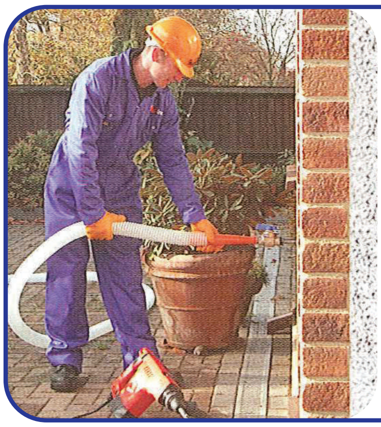

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MKCOUNCILNOTEBOOK

The grims out-dour each other

IT was a night of moving speeches and moving motions, but was there any movement towards change?

Last week's 'themed debate' – a recession special – at Milton Keynes Council saw 48 councillors devote their discussion to how they might bail out recession-hit residents.

This included 12 votes on various amendments to an overall motion essentially vowing to deal with the downturn in the best possible way.

As the members' bleak speeches revealed, the city's situation is one that would make even BBC economic commentator Robert Peston wince.

Councillors tried to out-dour each other with grim facts. We heard that Milton Keynes is the city tenth most exposed to recession. Unemployment has risen faster than the regional average and overtaken the national average. The council's employment support staff received two to four calls a day last year and now receive 30-40. There is a 'huge increase' in demand on benefits services. Repossessions are rising massively.

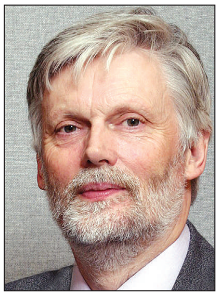
So would the council fight these foes with discussion or action?

Fearing the former, Conservative Cllr Ruth Jury pleaded: "Please don't just consult and talk, please actually get down to the nitty gritty in these dire times we face."

At one point it seemed help was already at hand in the form of an elusive being called 'MKELP'.

To observers, the much-mentioned 'MKELP' ('we've got MKELP for this', 'why set up a forum when we've got MKELP?') appeared to be some saviour based in the Civic Offices.

Seizing the moment: Cllr Sam Crooks



Michael Fish moment: Cllr Norman Miles

Nitty gritty moment: Cllr Ruth Jury

This superhero sounded plausible: prefixing the word 'help' with 'MK' (and dropping the 'h' for some estuary English authenticity) to help the residents of Milton Keynes.

But this is Milton Keynes Council, and MKELP is an acronym: Milton Keynes Economic Learning Partnership (though no doubt executive director Colin Fox wishes it was a superhero).

He said: "It's quite clear the recession's having a much deeper impact this time than in the early 90s and 80s. It's likely to get worse rather than better. A couple of corporates in the city are about to make announcements on redundancies. Its impact ranges from management directors to shelf stackers."

With these grim facts in mind, Labour leader Cllr Norman Miles' forecasting of a 'positive' recession sounded like Michael Fish pooh-poohing the prospect of a hurricane.

"There is doom and gloom about what is a golden opportunity for us to be positive. This is a great city, it's a resilient city, and we should be able to ride this one out and show Milton Keynes' spirit."

His colleague Cllr Brian White added that recessions always prompt innovation and greater strength.

But before they led a celebratory conga through the chamber, fellow Labourite Cllr Hannah O'Neill reminded them of the worrying fact that economic downturns actually spark a rise in hate crime and domestic violence.

Meanwhile Conservative Cllrs John Bint and David Tunney stated that the council has 'borrowed, borrowed, borrowed' and does not have enough spare cash to fix its ageing infrastructure. If it was a person it would be a mortgaged-to-the-hilt borrower – one that had not lost its own job, but other people's.

Cllr Bint told the Lib Dem cabinet: "We as a council are doing something fundamentally that's created more unemployment in Milton Keynes than the whole of the rest of the region.

"Unemployment under your watch has gone up dramatically – that's shameful."

But for Labour's Cllr Steve Coventry the only way to dig the city out of a hole is to spend some money on what Milton Keynes does best – expansion.

"If we do get into a little bit more debt then so be it. Bring building projects forward. We've got many houses sitting on the flanks, half built, while we've got builders sitting there without work."

Cllr Sam Crooks, cabinet member for finance, concluded: "There are only four things that matter: keep people in jobs, keep them in their houses, do what we can to help with debts and benefits, and help with businesses.

"In 50 years' time nobody will remember what we said here tonight, but in 50 years' time I would want people to look back at what we did in the worst depression in a century and say 'they saw what needed to be done, they seized the moment and they rose to the challenge'."

Though the recession had become a depression during the course of the meeting, no one seemed to query Cllr Crooks. His call was for immediate action, and, on the night of a million motions, that was something everyone would second.

JESSICA CUNNIFFE

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Fire tax rise nudges 5%

HOUSEHOLDS will pay an average of £2.74 a year extra for fire services.

On Friday Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority agreed a 4.99 per cent rise in its council tax precept.

It puts the charge for a band D house to £57.69 for the year beginning April 1, 2009 – with the fire authority receiving about four pence in every pound of council tax.

Its 2009-10 budget is £28.2 million.

Sloth growth costs

PHYSICAL inactivity is costing Milton Keynes' health service nearly £2.5million each year, according to new figures.

The number, published for the first time in 'Be Active, Be Healthy', a Government plan to get more people moving, is the amount the local NHS spends on treating conditions relating to inactivity.

Sarah Worbey, health promotion specialist for NHS MIlton Keynes, said: "Physical activity is key to stopping the tide of obesity."

BEAT eating disorders

A WEBSITE has been launched to beat eating disorders in MK.

BalancED MK has launched the new Internet site to mark National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (February 23-28).

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MP gets personal on a free fitness course

Kieron Cronin from HealthPro puts MP Mark Lancaster through his paces

A PERSONAL training service aiming to get Milton Keynes into shape has put MP Mark Lancaster through his paces.

Mr Lancaster, member for Milton Keynes North East, visited the new HealthPro Personal Training studio in Linford Wood Business Centre on Friday for an assessment of his health and posture.

HealthPro has just launched a free fitness programme called Fatbusters.

Recognised fitness professionals, Kriss Tottman and Kieron Cronin are using 18 years of experience to offer tailor-made fitness programmes and they are running the Fatbusters sessions totally free of charge.

As the Government seeks to promote its own health campaign, Change4Life, HealthPro has opened its doors to anyone, regardless of their weight, height, fitness level and age.

Kriss said: "The classes are both free and flexible, plus they're great fun."

Fatbusters runs twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm, and there is no limit to the number of free classes you can attend.

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Castaway dog walker rescued from island

A DOG walker who tried to rescue his pet from an island was trapped for two hours by flood waters.

The man had climbed along a fallen tree to reach the island in a river at Linford Lakes in order to save the animal which had got into trouble.

He was then unable to get back to the bank with his dog as the 20-metre stretch of water was swollen and fast flowing.

After two cold hours waiting on the island calling for help, the man was spotted by a passer-by just before 11am.

Firefighters launched a rescue boat and brought him and his dog to safety.

Watch manager Mark Robinson from Newport Pagnell Fire Station said: "We understand the man was trying to rescue his dog, which had gone into the river near the derelict church and somehow got across to an island measuring about 30 metres by 100 metres.

"There was a lot of fast-flowing water around because of the melting snow. Bearing in mind it is half term, we would like children and their parents to be aware of water hazards."

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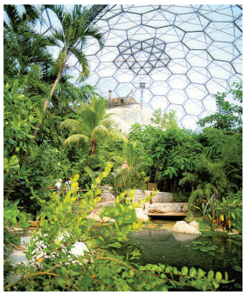

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Students’ primary aim is schooling for all children

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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TWO Stantonbury pupils’ campaign for children’s right to an education is taking them from Westminster to Tanzania.

Bethany Law and James Simmonds, both 14, were named Young Global Education campaigners 2009, and last week went to speak at the Houses of Parliament.

There they met city MP Mark Lancaster to talk about the Global Campaign for Education’s aim to achieve universal primary education.

Having presented their ideas to parliamentarians they will travel to Tanzania at the end of the month to see the issues first-hand.

At the moment 75 million children do not get the chance to go to school. While world leaders promised that all children would have a chance to be educated in 2015, current predictions show that by that time 40million will still be out of school.

Mr Lancaster, who was present in his role as Shadow Minister for International Development, said: “I am very proud that young people in Milton Keynes are as passionate as I am about international development and wish James and Bethany the best of luck for their trip to Tanzania which I am sure will be a fantastic experience for them both.”

Bethany added: “We have always dreamed of experiencing first hand how students in other countries feel about their education rather than experiencing it through other peoples’ eyes. We hope the trip to Tanzania will help us to bring ideas to the campaign that ensure that what we do here in the UK will make a real difference to students’ education out there.”

14-year-olds Bethany Law and James Simmonds, from Stantonbury Campus with MP Mark Lancaster at he Houses of Parliament

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Statues moving

Public art to be put in storage as Queens Court is redeveloped

BY ROB GIBSON

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Workmen prepare to move the statue Vox Pop from Queens Court in CMK

WORK is under way to move six pieces of the city's most prominent public art.

A £10million project began this week at thecentre:mk to redevelop Queens Court and workers began to move the sculptures which have delighted shoppers for years.

The Public Art Action Plan, agreed between Milton Keynes Council, the artists and the shopping centre, states that each piece will be carefully removed, stored, reinstated or relocated within Central Milton Keynes.

Vox Pop, the group of bronze figures by John Clinch, will remain the central art work in the redeveloped Queens Court.

The piece, depicting a multiracial family walking a dog, will be reinstated in the south eastern corner of the court after the redevelopment.

Dream Flight, Flying Carpet and High Flyer, the three sculptures by Philomena Davidson, were commissioned by Milton Keynes Development Corporation and Hermes Real Estate in 1989.

Each will be resited to the north of Queens Court, within the foliage of Silbury Arcade.

But a spokesman for thecentre:mk said: "The Sundial, produced by Tim Minett in 1979, is too large for the reconfigured space. The shopping centre is currently exploring opportunities to provide an alternative home for the piece within CMK."

The Mosaic, which currently hangs on the wall in the sheltered arcade in Queens Court will be relocated outside the Discover Milton Keynes shop.

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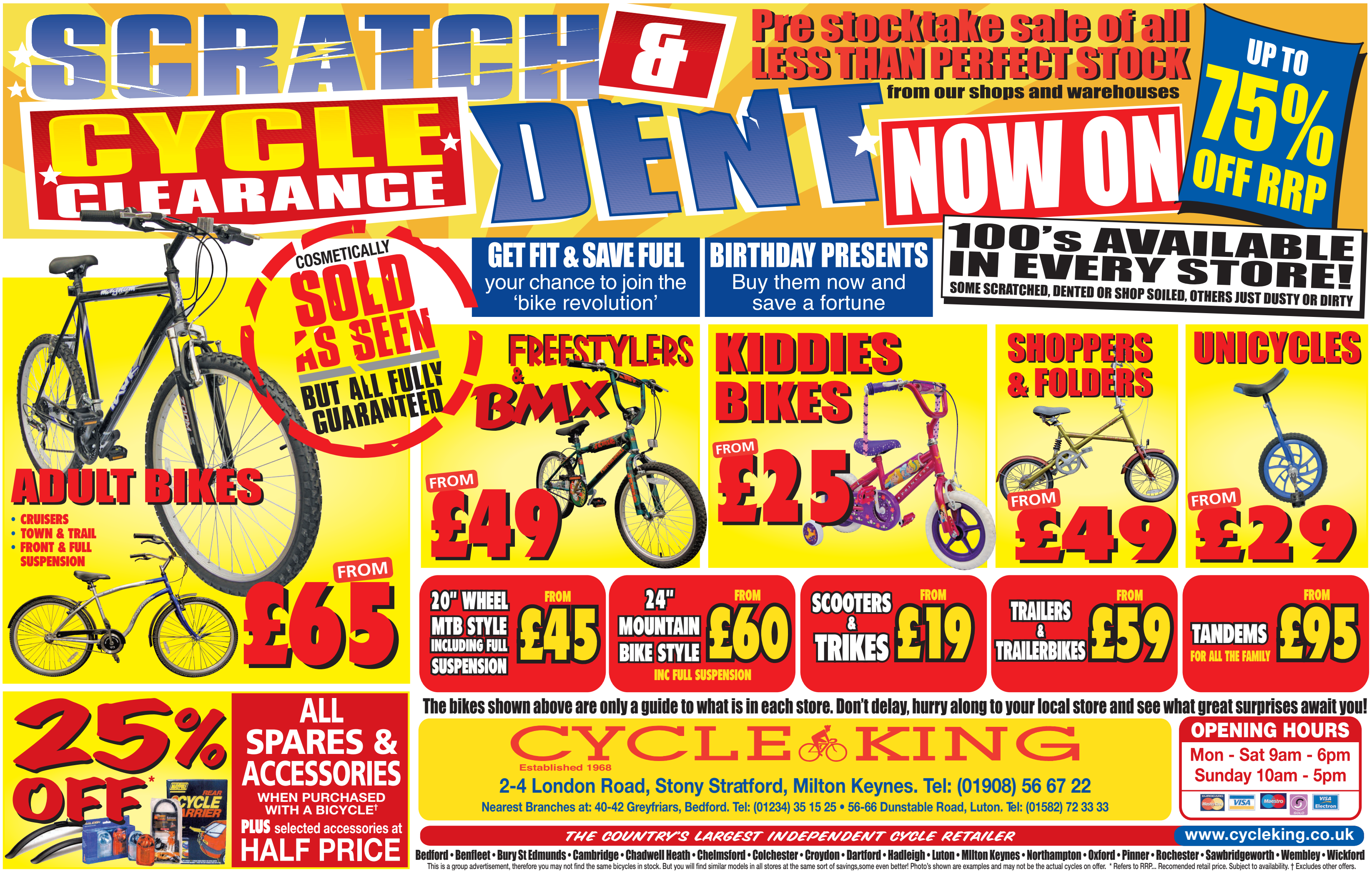

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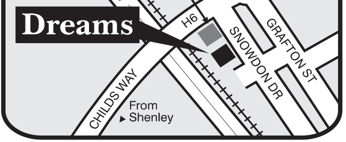

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People 'happy' with car park charge rise

BY LAURA HANNAM

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THE council was last night set to reconsider plans to put up the cost of city centre parking.

The proposals to increase parking charges were thrown out by a scrutiny panel last week.

The panel, which met on Wednesday, February 11, supported protestors' view that the cabinet has failed to take into account the effect it could have on businesses and residents during the recession.

The council plans to raise the price of its standard rate from 25p to 35p per hour in two phases of five pence, the first in May and the second in July 2010. Premium rate parking will go up by 20p in May to coincide with the introduction of payment by mobile phone.

The proposals were 'called-in' by more than 300 city residents and Conservative leader Andrew Geary.

Chairman of the scrutiny committee, Cllr John Bint said: "More people have written in to call-in the decision than any of us can remember. There has been massive protest and I think this is because it will hurt a very large number of people.

"It affects people who work, live, shop or who sell goods in the city centre."

Cllr Douglas McCall, cabinet member for transport, said although many business representatives were among those that called in the decision, none attended the scrutiny committee to voice concerns about the plans.

He believes they are now generally happy since the cabinet announced proposals to delay 5p of the increase in standard rate parking until 2010 and put the 20p rise on premium bays back by a month, to May.

The changes were announced last week after a meeting between Milton Keynes Council and representatives of the business, retail, and voluntary sector.

"Their points were taken on board and we are proposing to make adjustments," said Cllr McCall. "I think people are now generally happy. Only a small number of people turned up to the scrutiny committee."

The cabinet was due to discuss the proposals as this paper went to press last night.

Plans to scrap free parking across the city centre and to introduce a workplace parking levy on businesses are still on the cards.

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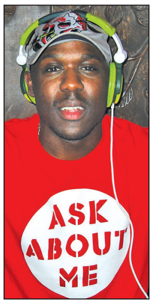
Ex-Eastenders star hits decks at club



Street sweeper Gus – aka Mohammed George will appear at Buddha Blue

EX-EASTENDERS star Mohammed George is trading dustbins for decks to DJ at Buddha Blue.

The actor, who played street sweeper Gus in the BBC soap, is due to appear at the city centre nightspot on Friday, February 27.

Mohammed joined the Albert Square cast in 2002 where he remained as Gus for six years. His previous roles include parts in Oliver! on the West End stage, Holby City and The Bill.

Buddha Blue general manager Robin Lyle said: "We are really looking forward to seeing Mohammed entertain the crowds at Buddha Blue. Soap stars are hugely popular and not many people will have seen Mohammed on the decks so it will definitely be a unique event for our regular customers."

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Kebab van man fined over waste disposal

THE owner of a kebab van has been fined after admitting he failed to dispose of his waste properly.

Birol Sarigol, 44, of Conniburrow Boulevard, Conniburrow, appeared before city magistrates on Friday and pleaded guilty to one offence of breaching his duty of care to dispose of commercial waste correctly, under the Environment Protection Act 1990.

He was fined £400 and ordered to pay Milton Keynes Council's legal costs of £588.

The act imposes a duty of care on all businesses to look after their waste responsibly and written records of waste movements must be kept for a minimum of two years.

Safer Communities Unit enforcement co-ordinator, Shaun Greig, warned that businesses would be foolish to think that they could save money by ignoring this.

Mr Greig said: "Businesses must ensure their waste is contained securely and removed by a registered waste carrier.

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Police are treating the blaze – which broke out in a Bletchley block – as ‘suspicious’

Seven saved in flats fire

BY LAURA HANNAM
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SEVEN people were rescued from a block of flats in Bletchley after a fire broke out on Thursday night.

The blaze started in one of the ground-floor flats in a two-storey council-owned building in Dorchester Avenue.

The stairs were filled with smoke, cutting off the main escape route for residents. Smoke also entered the other seven flats.

Firefighters from Bletchley, Great Holm and Broughton were called just after at 9pm.

Four men were rescued from upstairs windows using ladders, two from the ground floor and one was lifted out of a ground-floor window.

Three were suffering from smoke inhallation.

Eight firefighters wearing breathing apparatus carried out a thorough search of all the flats using thermal imaging cameras.

The fire was put out with two hose reels and a jet. Twenty per cent of building was severely damaged by the blaze and the rest was smoke logged.

One neighbour, Sharon Samuel, said: “I could see flames and smoke coming through a window.”

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said officers are treating the incident as suspicious, but an arson attack has not yet been confirmed.

Watch manager Chris Montague, from Great Holm Fire Station, said: “The fire was well developed when it was spotted by a neighbour.

“Although a number of people were at their windows waiting to be rescued when we arrived, it was not immediately clear how many other people were in the building.

“As we brought people out, we were able to look after them and give them oxygen while the ambulances were on their way. The crews did a fantastic job to locate everyone so quickly, get them outside to safety and fresh air and check that everyone was accounted for.”

The rescue operation took around 20 minutes, but firefighters were on the scene for three hours.

An investigation into the cause of the fire has been launched.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: “Six single bedroom flats at Dorchester Avenue, Bletchley were damaged in the fire.

“We have managed to find alternative accommodation for all six tenants from existing housing stock.

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They forced a member of staff into the store room, threatened him with a gun and made him open the safe in the rear office, before taking his phone and money from the safe and escaping towards Rooksley.

The shop worker was uninjured and a black handgun was recovered at the scene.

The offender with the gun is about 6ft, stocky and wore a dark balaclava, dark Puffa-style jacket and had paint or plaster on his shoes.

The second man is white, about 5ft 6ins, slim and was wearing a light jacket, blue jeans and a dark balaclava.

Anyone with information can contact DC Darren Street on 08458 505505.

Stolen mini-digger rampage

THIEVES stole a mini-digger and went on a rampage through a city park.

The machine was stolen from Barton Road, Bletchley and was driven through the park between Wellington Place and Buckingham Road.

A park bench was dug up along with large areas of grass, before the culprits cut the fuel lines and set fire to the grey Chicuchi digger.

The incident occurred overnight between Friday 23 and Saturday, January 24.

Anyone with information should call Sergeant Gemma Price on 08458 505505.

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Islamic art at hospital

THE mayor joined hospital staff and patients to make a new piece of art for Milton Keynes Hospital on Monday.

Jan Lloyd joined the MK Arts for Health charity as it hosted free art workshops.

Run in partnership with MK Islamic Arts Heritage and Culture, the sessions encourage people to learn about Islamic arts.

Artist Ayesha Gamiet said: “This workshop, where each participant will produce a small illuminated painting, gives a short introduction into the art of Islamic manuscript illumination.”

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Backstage treat for comp winners

THE theatre became a musical zoo at the city orchestra's Creatures Concert this weekend.

Hundreds of children and parents went to Milton Keynes Theatre to hear the lively music of Carnival of Animals by Saint-Saens and a hilarious introduction to the sounds of the orchestra instruments.

The concert provided a finale to a music and activity day organised by Jackie Allen, the orchestra's education and outreach officer.

In the foyer the children of Emerson Valley School and Ashbrook School staged their own performances of verse, music and drama.

Each school produced its own unique work over a six-week period, with support from musicians from the orchestra and storyteller Yaw Asiyama, in a project supported by Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Councils.

MK NEWS competition winners Nikki and Tim Inchley had a chance to go backstage with sons Oliver, 4, and 6-year-old Joseph, who performed with Ashbrook School in the foyer.

Mrs Inchley said: "We have had a wonderful day. Going backstage with Sian and Lee was a real treat."

Fellow winners Bonita Bridges and Ian Carter from Calvert added: "It's great to see so many people enjoying classical music presented in such a friendly accessible way."

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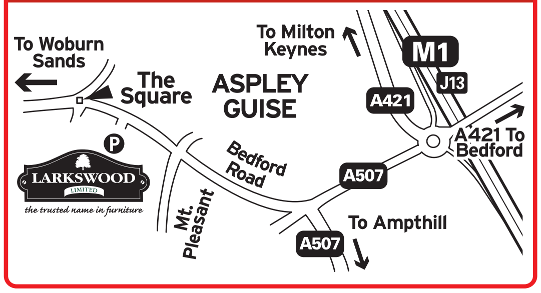

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LANGUAGES						
XA60F	Bulgarian Conversation - Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1800-1930	12 wks	£72
XA61F	Bulgarian Conversation - Improvers	23-Feb-09	Mon	1945-2115	12 wks	£72
XA62F	French Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1930-2100	12 wks	£72
XA63F	French Improvers 1	23-Feb-09	Mon	1900-2030	12 wks	£72
XB78F	French Improvers 2	24-Feb-09	Tue	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XB64F	French Intermediate	24-Feb-09	Tue	2015-2145	12 wks	£72
XB65F	Italian Improvers	24-Feb-09	Tue	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XA66F	Italian Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XB67F	Italian Conversation Advanced	24-Feb-09	Tue	2015-2145	12 wks	£72
XB68F	Japanese Beginners	24-Feb-09	Tue	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XC77F	Latin - Beginners **NEW**	25-Feb-09	Wed	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XB69F	Mandarin Beginners	24-Feb-09	Tue	1800-1930	12 wks	£72
XB76F	Mandarin Improvers	24-Feb-09	Tue	1945-2115	12 wks	£72
XB70F	Spanish Beginners	24-Feb-09	Tue	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XC71F	Spanish Beginners	25-Feb-09	Wed	2015-2145	12 wks	£72
XA72F	Spanish Improvers	23-Feb-09	Mon	2015-2145	12wks	£72
XC73F	Spanish Improvers	25-Feb-09	Wed	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XA74F	Spanish Intermediate 1	23-Feb-09	Mon	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XB75F	Spanish Intermediate 2	24-Feb-09	Tue	2015-2145	12 wks	£72
XC76F	Spanish Conversation 2	25-Feb-09	Wed	1900-2030	12 wks	£72
XA77F	Turkish Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
XC33B	Microsoft Office	04-Mar-09	Wed	1830-2030	10 wks	£96
XF30B	Excel Beginners	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF31	Excel Improvers	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF33B	PowerPoint - Creating Presentations	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
ARTS, CRAFTS & PRACTICAL SKILLS						
XA60A	Allotments & Gardens for Beginners	02-Mar-09	Mon	1730-1900	8 wks	£48
XC70A	Basic Fashion Design and Research	04-Mar-09	Wed	1830-2000	10 wks	£64
XA61A	Cards Galore	02-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2030	10 wks	£64
XC64A	Cookery - Healthy Meals	22-Apr-09	Wed	1930-2130	5 wks	£52
XC65A	Cookery - Italian/Mediterranean	25-Feb-09	Wed	1930-2130	5 wks	£52
XA66A	Cookery - Indian	23-Feb-09	Mon	1900-2100	4 wks	£44
XC67A	Drawing and Sketching	09-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2100	10 wks	£76
XA68A	Dressmaking	23-Feb-09	Mon	1930-2130	8 wks	£64
XA71A	Floristry	02-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XA72A	Garden Design - Construction and Maintenance	02-Mar-09	Mon	1930-2130	8wks	£64
XF73A	Painting & Drawing from Observation	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XA75A	Painting - Oils - Intermediate	02-Mar-09	Mon	1930-2130	10 wks	£76
XA76A	Painting - Watercolours - Beginners	02-Mar-09	Mon	1930-2130	10 wks	£76
XC77A	Painting - Watercolours - Beginners	04-Mar-09	Wed	1900-2100	10 wks	£76
XB79A	Photography - You and Your Camera	03-Mar-09	Tue	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
DANCE, MUSIC & DRAMA						
XB61D	Dance - Lyrical	03-Mar-09	Tue	1745-1845	10 wks	£48
XB60D	African Drumming	03-Mar-09	Tue	1900-2030	10 wks	£64
XA62D	Dance - Ballet Beginners/Improvers	02-Mar-09	Mon	1745-1845	10 wks	£48
XA63D	Dance - Ballroom & Latin American - Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	2030-2200	12 wks	£84
XA64D	Dance - Belly Dancing - Improvers	23-Feb-09	Mon	1945-2115	10 wks	£60
XA65D	Dance - Belly Dancing - Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1800-1930	10 wks	£60
XB72D	Dance - Pole Dance for Fitness - Beginners	24-Feb-09	Tue	1945-2045	6 wks	£52
XC73D	Dance - Rock 'n' Roll - Beginners	04-Mar-09	Wed	1900-2000	10 wks	£48
XC74D	Dance - Rock 'n' Roll - Improvers	04-Mar-09	Wed	2015-2115	10 wks	£48
XA77D	Guitar - Beginners	02-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XC79D	Singing for Fun	25-Feb-09	Wed	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
COURSES LEADING TO A QUALIFICATION						
XF60Q	First Aid - Appointed Person	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£48
XF62Q	First Aid - Appointed Person - Paediatric	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£48
GENERAL INTEREST						
XC51G	Bridal Make-up	04-Mar-09	Wed	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XC53G	Creative Writing	04-Mar-09	Wed	1930-2130	10 wks	£80
XA56G	Fashion & Avant Garde Make-up	02-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2100	6 wks	£48
XA57G	Hair Styling - Creative - Beginners	02-Mar-09	Mon	1830-2030	8 wks	£64
XC55G	Hair Cutting - Beginners Stage 1	04-Mar-09	Wed	1830-2100	5 wks	£48
XC56G	Hair Cutting - Beginners Stage 2	22-Apr-09	Wed	1830-2100	5 wks	£48
XC58G	Hypnotherapy	25-Feb-09	Wed	1900-2130	5 wks	£56
XB63G	Style, Image & Make-up	03-Mar-09	Tue	1900-2100	6 wks	£48
SATURDAY WORKSHOPS						
XF50G	Assertiveness	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF62A	Cards, Invitations, Gift Tags & Wrappings	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF52G	Communicating with Teenagers	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF63A	Cookery - Chinese	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF54G	Creative Writing Workshop	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF66D	Dance - Belly Dancing for Fun	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1500	1 day	£28
XF69D	Dance - Flamenco	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1400	1 day	£24
XF67D	Dance - Mums & Daughters Belly Dance 16+	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1500	1 day	£28
XF32A	Digital Photos - Image Manipulation	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF84A	Drawing - Large Scale with Chalk Pastels	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1300	1/2 day	£16
XF54S	Enhance your Happiness	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF30B	Excel - Beginners	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF31B	Excel - Improvers	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF58A	Face Painting	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF69A	Fancy Dress - Make Your Own	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	2 days	£60
XF82G	Hair Styling for Long Hair	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF59G	Manicure & Nail Art	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF63Q	Manual Handling	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1400	1 day	£24
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XF52S	Reflexology	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	2 days	£60
XF83A	Soft Furnishings - Simple Blinds	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF62G	Stress Management	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF85A	Temporary Body Art - Celebrity Tattoos	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF64G	Theatrical Make-up	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
SPORT, HEALTH & FITNESS						
XA78S	Aerobics	23-Feb-09	Mon	1915-2015	10 wks	£48
XA51S	Alexander Technique	23-Feb-09	Mon	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XA60S	Aromatherapy and Massage for Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XA59S	Boxercise	02-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2000	10 wks	£48
XD52S	Fencing - Beginners	05-Mar-09	Thu	2000-2100	6 wks	£48
XA50S	FitBall	02-Mar-09	Mon	1830-1930	10 wks	£48
XC56S	Pilates - Beginners	04-Mar-09	Wed	1830-1930	10 wks	£48
XC57S	Pilates - Improvers	04-Mar-09	Wed	1945-2045	10 wks	£48
XA58S	QiGong and Aiki - Gentle Oriental Exercise	23-Feb-09	Mon	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XB58S	Yoga	03-Mar-09	Tue	1830-2000	10 wks	£68

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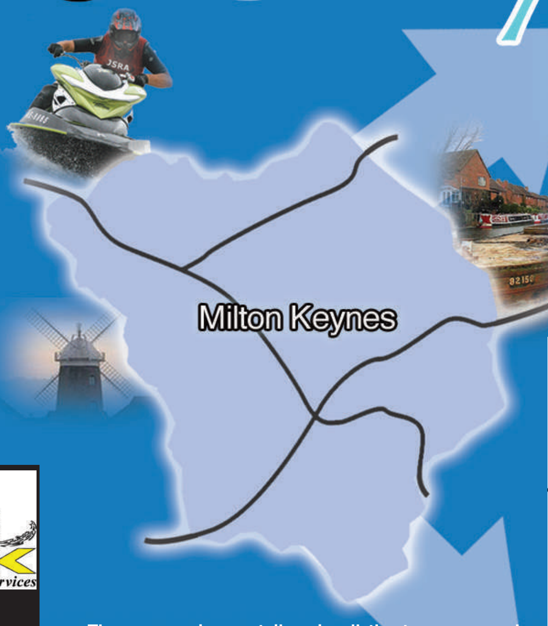

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For an agenda and more details of the meeting either contact the Committee Secretariat at the address below or view them five working days prior to the meeting on www.miltonkeynespartnership.info

Anyone wishing to address or submit questions to the Committee should contact the Secretariat in writing by **12 noon on Thursday 26th February 2009.**

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Milton Keynes Partnership

From big businessman

The recession is in full stride and Milton Keynes' Citizen's Advice Bureau (MK CAB) is reporting a massive increase in its workload, with the number of people through its doors up by nearly a third. Reporter JESSICA CUNNIFFE went to meet the debt advisor who faces the city's money woes every day

MEET the woman who is bearing the brunt of the recession.

When credit was easy to come by, the nation spent and spent – and now Gillian Grimes is spending her time picking up the pieces.

The number of debt queries dealt with at the Acorn House-based service is 23 per cent higher than last year.

But the team has 'no extra resources' with which to tackle them, other than their expertise and tea.

She said: "What we are seeing is unprecedented numbers coming through our doors. We are bracing ourselves and getting through it with lots of coffee and tea. This year we are just battening down the hatches."

Gillian, an adviser since 2000, sees the spectrum of the recession's effects, and how far people can fall - like high-flyers descending from big business to benefits.

"There's not a typical group of people who come in with debt.

"Our clients range from people who have substantial income – one man lost his business and went onto welfare benefits income with a huge, huge amount of debt – down to people on long term sick. It's pervasive."

She notices that some have been blind to their finances, and regarded the onset of debt as something that would never happen to them.

"There's some form of it in everyone's lives. People say 'I don't have debt'. They see credit cards as bad debt and mortgages as good debt. But we are seeing home owners in negative equity now.

"We are all one pay day away from debt."

It is the change in circumstances that can blow everything apart. So the recent surge in redundancies - queries are up a whopping 166 per cent compared with last year - leaves the seemingly-stable reliance on credit exposed.

And debt perpetuates debt, with some borrowers using credit cards to pay off credit cards.

"When circumstances change, what was manageable can suddenly become unmanageable. People struggle on, and even put the mortgage on their credit card - this is the sort of desperation we are seeing. But there is no quick fix."

So have we been wilfully kept in the dark by companies, or just buried our heads in the sand?

"I think the public often don't understand what they're entering into. Sometimes the biggest mystery is the mortgage. I've had some clients who are on interest only mortgages not realising they would need to find a capital sum at the end of it."

Gillian's truth-telling shows why MK CAB is like an antidote to the lenders' promises. What is hidden in small print by the banks is writ large by the bureau.

"I've broken really bad news to people five minutes before a court hearing. Some people come in with overwhelming debt and for us it's about looking at the situation and what's realistically possible.

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> People say 'I don't have debt'. They see credit cards as bad debt and mortgages as good debt. But we are seeing home owners in negative equity now
>
> **– Gillian Grimes: Adviser at MK CAB**

"The hardest thing about the job is to sit there with a client with unrealistic hopes trying to break the news. Some people you cannot give any good news. The best you can recommend is bankruptcy. But sometimes getting the bad news can almost be a relief. We can only tell people what's realistic. It's not a cure all - we're working with pens not wands."

She added: "There's an expectation of lifestyle perpetuated by advertising and magazines, and the thought that I can have it because I'll put it on my credit card."

Perhaps the fact that MK CAB - one of the biggest in the south east - has seen the highest increase in debt problems in the area has something to do with Milton Keynes being an aspirational place, with an image of promised-prosperity from its inception.

"Parents feel they should buy so much for their children - we should have a holiday or maybe two, we should have a nice house and we should have it now because there's access to the credit. This culture's been pervasive for 25 years."

But the golden years have gone and the here-and-now is not looking bright.

"Five years ago Milton Keynes had people living here, working in London, they had a nice home and two cars. Now they've lost their job, come through the door and we say just go and get a job, any job. They are willing to stack shelves until they find something. But even those jobs aren't there now. These people don't even get interviews.

"That's why this particular climate is the harshest I've seen."

Gillian believes that what goes down must come up, and likewise with this downturn. But until that time she will continue to help anyone who asks for advice – a service for which many are indebted to her.

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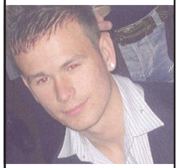

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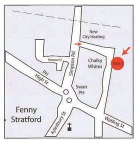
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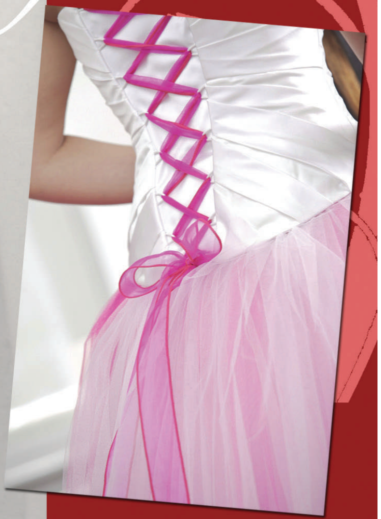

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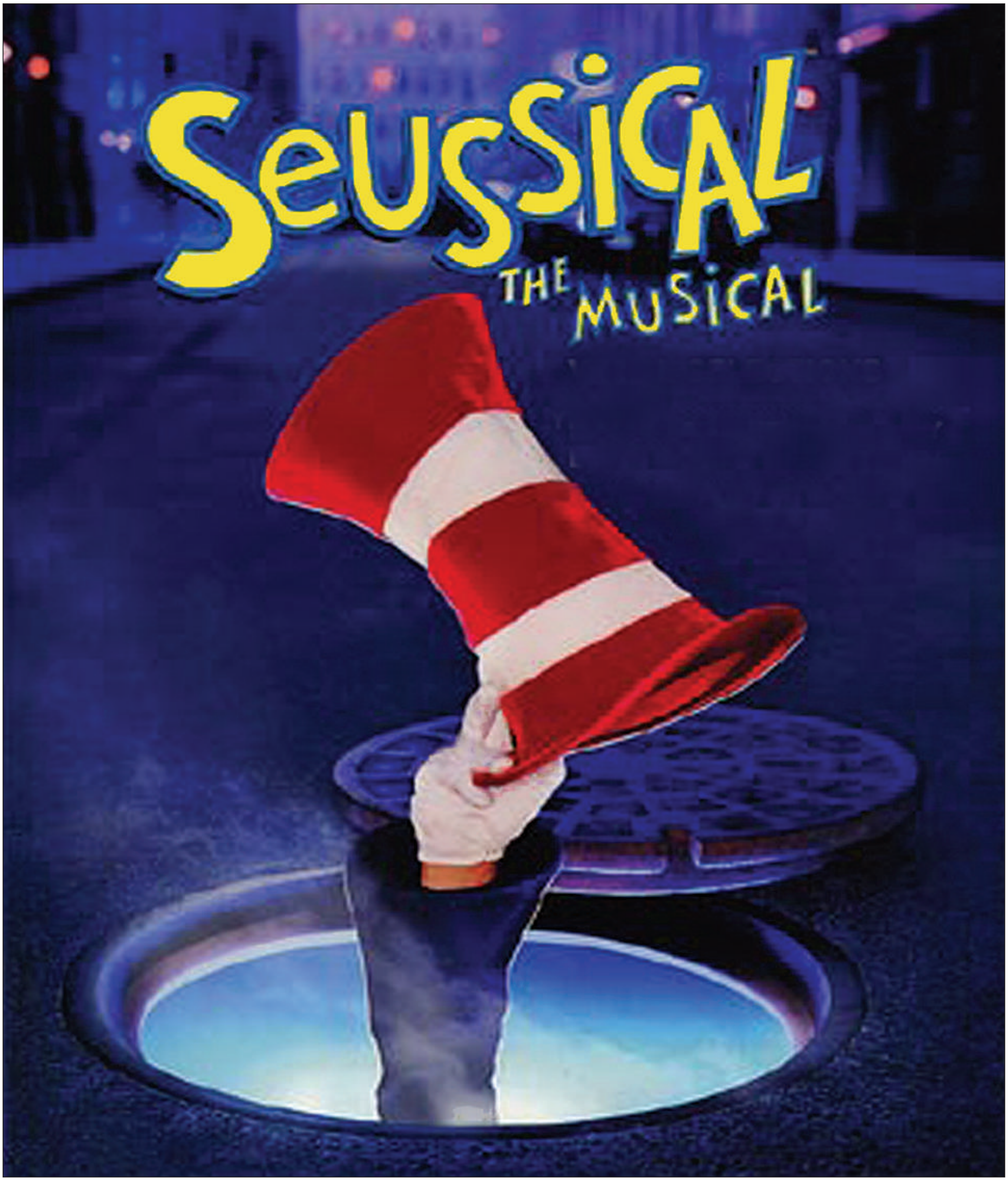

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From Friday

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Susannah York, Art Malik, Eva Green, Bernard Hill, Ryan Phillippe, Sam Riley

From Friday

IN Meanwhile City, assassin Preest (Phillippe) stalks a murderous cult leader. In London, Milo (Riley) looks up his childhood sweetheart; Emilia (Green) stages suicide attempts as an art project; and Peter (Hill) looks for his son. Then two worlds collide.

GRAN TORINO (15)

Clint Eastwood, Cory Hardrict, Brian Howe, Dreama Walker, Bee Vang, Ahney Her, Christopher Carley

From Friday

GROUCHY bigot Walt Kowalski (Eastwood) thinks the world has gone to hell. Then an attempted theft of his 1972 Ford Gran Torino, an unintentional act of heroism and an uneasy relationship with his despised Asian neighbours prod Walt towards a kind of reluctant redemption.

Isla Fisher stars in Confessions of a Shopaholic – in a cinema near you from Friday

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From Friday

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Benicio Del Toro, Benjamin Bratt, Franka Potente, Lou Diamond Phillips

From Friday

OCTOBER 1965: Che Guevara (Del Toro) resigns from the Cuban government. Two years later, Guevara tries to bring about revolution in Bolivia. Things do not go well.

FRIDAY THE 13TH

Julie Berman, Andrea Bogart

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FILM REVIEW

FRIDAY 13TH (THE REMAKE)

WELL, if you haven't seen the original film then how was life living on that desert island for the last 20 years and did you paint a face on a basketball to be your best friend?

If you have seen the original film then you will know the score.

Group of sexy American college student types go for a camp at a lake in the countryside.

Lake has a dark and nasty history involving death of a young son.

Student types do not know this or the general ominous atmosphere of the lake venue, and also have obviously not seen first film either.

Big guy in ice hockey mask hanging out at the lake (who may or may not be some kind of satanic resurrection of dead son) takes serious dislike to sexy teens.

Big guy finds various graphic and bloody ways to terrorise and generally make the students dead.

Students run around screaming and forget all the sensible rules about staying alive in a horror film.

What the original movie had going for it was just that.

Back in its day it was vaguely original – the first of those stalk and slash movies that then went on to take over the horror genre until we were all sick, sicky sick of them.

So what this remake has going for it is slicker production values, reasonably decent visuals and lots of breast implants. That's about it really.

I quite like enjoyable trash, but there is better trash than this out there.

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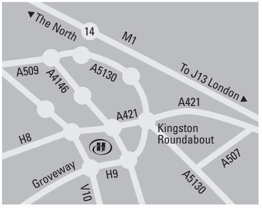

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TASTE LIFE

Cheesy peas, please

NAIDNI BAR AND RESTAURANT
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Review by Simone Corgan

THIS popular Indian restaurant is celebrating its first birthday this month.

And it has been a successful year for owner Muj who also opens Naidni for private parties and charity curry club quizzes.

It is easy to see why the stylish venue is a hit with the local residents.

My guest and I were hungry customers when we entered so papadoms, accompanied by three chutneys and onion salad, were a welcome addition to our table as we browsed the menu.

For a starter I battled with myself to opt against my old favourite, an onion bhaji (£2.50), and try the lamb tikka (£2.95) which was marinated in fresh ground spices and cooked to perfection in a charcoal oven.

My guest selected somosas (£2.50) of the meat variety, she described them as 'crunchy on the outside but tasty and light on the inside'.

Thankfully the dishes were of a modest size because when our main meals were placed in front of us it felt like we had entered a food eating contest.

We each ordered a pilau rice (£2.25) and plain nann (£1.75) to assist the butter Naidni (£7.95) and a king prawn tikka (£9.95), a renowned favourite recognised by generations of Indian food lovers.

The butter Naidni was a dish created by Muj with chicken off the bone marinated in a delicious mild, creamy sauce.

That should have been enough for us, but being the greedy duo we are, two side dishes were also placed on our table.

To compliment my chicken I had a bowl of sag panir – creamed spinach and cheese cooked with cumin seed and garlic, (£2.95 as a side dish or £5.95 as a main).

While my guest had been recommended moto panir, the surprise dish was, in simple terms, cheesy peas.

We thoroughly enjoyed our feast and picked up a takeaway menu on the way out.

Like most, I get stuck in a rut and eat at the same venue all the time, so it was nice to break the habit and Naidni certainly has a new customer in me.

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Friday, February 20

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They have been personally asked by Enter Shikari to open their intimate SOLD OUT Pitz show next week and are probably the most exciting and popular young band in Milton Keynes.

With all the tickets for next week already gone here is your chance to catch them before they head for their London shows.

Tickets £5.50. Doors7.30pm.

THE STABLES 280800

ATILA

Friday, February 20. 8pm

LAST seen at The Stables supporting Melody Gardot last May, Atila sings all your favourite swingers with consummate charm and panache!
Tickets £14

BACALAO

Saturday, February 21. 8pm

THE UK's finest salsa big band present a night of hot Latin music for the dancefloor, bringing to mind the great Cuban dance bands of the 40s and 50s. From rumba to cha cha and salsa to mambo, the 12-strong Bacalao know how to get the party started!
For just £25 you can enjoy a pre-show taste of Spain (vegetarian options available) served in CafÈ in2. Includes a ticket for the concert.
Tickets £15, Meal Deal £25

CON O'NEILL'S BIG CIGAR

Featuring Joff Watkins

Saturday, February 21. 8.45pm

HEAR two of London's finest harmonica players, as duo Con O'Neill's Big Cigar (Con O'Neill and Joe Green) are joined by Joff Watkins for a night of high-powered rhythm and blues entertainment.
Tickets £9.50 in advance, £11.50 on the door

ADAM WALKER & MORGAN SZYMANSKI

In association with the Young Concert Artists Trust

Sunday, February 22. 2.30pm

PROGRAMME to include: Bartok Rumanian Dances, Piazzolla L'Histoire Du Tango, Manuel Ponce Estrellita
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CLASSIC CLAPTON

Sunday, February 22. 8pm

THE world's No1 Eric Clapton tribute band, Classic Clapton features front-man Mike Hall who not only looks like Eric, he sings and plays guitar like him too!
Tickets £16

FASCINATING AIDA

Tuesday, February 24. 8pm

DILLIE Keane formed Fascinating Aida 25 years ago and has tried to shake it off ever since, but it keeps coming back to haunt her. Britain's top female comedy trio – Dillie, Adele Anderson and Liza Pulman – are back, celebrating their quarter-century with new songs.
Fundraising concert in aid of the Wavendon Allmusic Plan Ltd
Tickets £19.50

JIM MORAY

Wednesday, February 25. 8pm

AT the age of 21 Jim Moray was hailed as the greatest leap forward in folk for 30 years, with his debut album Sweet England being called the most significant development in English folk music since Fairport Convention's Liege and Leif. Now aged 26 his latest album Low Culture link traditional songs seamlessly into modern popular culture, defining exactly where English folk music is at in the early 21st century.
Tickets £14.50

Fascinating Aida: Britain's top female comedy trio – Dillie, Adele Anderson and Liza Pulman – are back at The Stables

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Tony Sale and the re-build Team at The National Museum of Computing at the park are inviting you to a talk and demonstration about how Colossus broke the World War Two Lorenz SZ42 cipher.

The evening which takes place on Thursday, February 26 follows two very successful events in 2008.

Tickets are priced at £7.50, which includes a glass of wine.

Admission is by ticket only as space is limited.

They are available by post from The National Museum of Computing, Block H, Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes MK3 6EB. Please include a stamped addressed envelope with your application and make cheques /PO payable to The National Museum of Computing.

For booking details see www.codesandciphers.org.uk.

Tony Sale with Colossus

GALLERY **LIFE**

New vision at gallery

MILTON Keynes Gallery has announced the appointment of its new director, Anthony Spira.

He will join Milton Keynes Gallery in early May, from his current post as Curator at the Whitechapel Gallery, London.

He succeeds Michael Stanley, who left Milton Keynes Gallery in December 2008 to take up his appointment as Director of Modern Art Oxford.

London born Anthony Spira joined the Whitechapel Gallery in 1999 where has overseen numerous mid-career surveys, thematic group shows and exhibitions of emerging artists.

He has also edited and contributed to many publications and worked at the Galerie nationale du Jeu de Paume in Paris from 1994 to 1996.

Will Cousins, chairman of Milton Keynes Theatre & Gallery Company Board and of the interview panel said: "The panel had an international field of candidates to choose from but was particularly struck by Anthony Spira's vision for the programme at Milton Keynes Gallery, and his clear ambition to connect with audiences both inside and outside the gallery.

We welcome his appointment with enthusiasm and are excited by prospect of further enhancing the reputation of the gallery with a new and exciting youn director."

Anthony Spira: New director at MKG

Mr Spira said, "Milton Keynes Gallery celebrates its 10th anniversary this autumn and under the direction of my predecessors Michael Stanley and Stephen Snoddy and their staff it has achieved significant success and critical recognition. I look forward to taking the Gallery to its next phase of development, to build on its success and to cementing its position as one of the city and region's cultural landmarks."

■ The gallery is currently exhibiting Polly Apfelbaum, Anything can happen in a horse race until March 22.

It is the American artists first solo exhibition in a UK public gallery.

Her work is characterised by an exacting investigation into colour and form, mainly manifesting itself as expansive floor-based installations.

ALL HAIL TO **THE ALE**

THE first Cock & Bull real beer festival takes place on Friday and Saturday.

Stony Stratford will be hosting its first real beer festival, with as local a flavour as you can get. There'll be a modest twenty beers including Milton Keynes' very own, from The Concrete Cow Brewery which brews the aptly-named Cock & Bull Ale.

Beers from Buckinghamshire and the neighbouring counties will mean you can expect Frog Island, Buntingford, Great Oakley, Hoggleys, Phipps, Grainstore, and Vale. To round things off, there will also be a couple of real ciders.

The event has been fermented and matured by The Cock & Bull Society

Entry is free and available to those aged 18 and over. Phone/Text: 07786 385 193; or email: ken@jookofstony.freeserve.co.uk for more information.

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TELEVISION **WEEK**

TONIGHT offers viewers the star-studded Brit Awards 2009 ceremony **(ITV1 8pm).**

It's hosted live from London's Earls Court by Kylie Minogue, Mathew Horne and James Corden.

Brit Award veterans U2 provide the music alongside nominated acts Girls Aloud, Duffy and Kings of Leon.

The shortlists also include seven-time winners Take That, who challenge Radiohead and Coldplay for Best British Group, James Morrison, Will Young and Paul Weller in Best British Male, breakthrough acts the Ting Tings and Last Shadow Puppets.

Channel 4 have come up with a sure-fire winner by retelling the story of Thursday, January 15 2009, when Captain Chesley Sullenberger landed US Airways flight 1549 in the Hudson River with 155 people on board, after both engines were destroyed by a flock of birds.

Miracle of the Hudson Plane Crash **(Thursday, Channel 4, 10pm)** features testimony from passengers and rescuers, as well as archive footage from the day. The programme provides a minute-by-minute retelling of the dramatic forced landing and rescue effort.

Miracle of the Hudson Plane Crash: Channel 4

For a night in with some comedy why not tune into for Ricky Gervais: Fame? **(Friday, Channel 4, 10.30pm).**

The show features highlights of the comedian's stand-up show, the fastest-selling live comedy tour in UK history.

Comic Relief is here again with this new series, Let's Dance for Comic Relief **(Saturday, 6.35pm BBC1).**

Claudia Winkleman and Steve Jones host this charity competition in which famous faces recreate iconic dance routines from movies or the pop world.

Each week, a different batch of celebrities don dancing shoes and perform as either soloists, duos or groups, with only the best - as judged by Anton Du Beke, two guest panellists and viewers at home - going through to the final during Red Nose Day weekend on Saturday March 14.

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SIMON **DARNELL**

JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH

Saturdays

A couple of weeks ago I had the 'pleasure' of hearing Hilary Duff's new single.

It's called Reach Out and it uses Depeche Mode's Personal Jesus – actually, no, that's not quite right, it IS Personal Jesus, only with La Duff singing over the top instead of Dave Gahan.

Where Dave sang 'Reach out and touch faith', Hilary sings 'Reach out and touch me'.

At that moment, I had my head in my hands as I wondered how many other Mode classics could be in line for a re-invention. Didn't have to wait long, did I?

There's a certain logic to Comic Relief choosing Just Can't Get Enough, after all they're a charity and they need your cash, so it makes sense to use a song that has the message in the title.

Of course, if they wanted to be a bit more obvious they could've chosen It's Yer Money I'm After Baby by the Wonder Stuff, or alternatively they could've gone with the reverse psychology approach and used Nobody's Twisting Your Arm by the Wedding Present, but they didn't.

They chose one of the only three Depeche Mode songs that virtually anyone in the UK can name.

And if you think I'm going to give this a good review purely because Comic Relief are going to a) make loads of cash for charity and b) finally take a Mode song to No1 in the charts you can think again, matey.

No, if I'm going to be nice about this single it's going to be because it's genuinely good.

Now then, the first thing I noticed about this reworking is that whoever did the tune has actually heard the original, something I wasn't sure of when I heard Boyzone's take on When The Going Gets Tough, for instance.

All the keyboard riffs are present and correct, the tune's been updated so it sounds like it could've been written the other day rather than way back before any of the Saturdays were even born.

If you can get past the fact that it now takes five people to sing a song that could previously be sung by one bloke but, and I cannot believe I'm about to say this, if I didn't know any better I'd say that Just Can't Get Enough is actually better suited to a girl band than a boy band.

I'll add a caveat to that in that there is no way the Saturdays would've dared record this in the style of the original 12ins, that's a very different beast (not to mention up there with the Annihilation mix of Two Tribes as one of the finest extended mixes ever), but they've come up trumps here.

There's no hint that they've sung this because someone said to them 'It'll raise your profile amongst the general public', in fact they sound like they really enjoyed making this.

With an out-and-out pop song like this, if you merely go through the motions (hello again Boyzone) it drains the enjoyment out of the proceedings and the end result is guaranteed to suck even more than someone experiencing their first McDonald's milkshake.

The fact that the end result doesn't suck is down to the effort that went into making this as good as it could be. Whether all that means that this is now the definitive version of the song however, that's a decision I'll leave to people far more important and cleverer than me.

And as they're all far too busy trying to save the economy right now we may never know or care.

THE SATURDAYS
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> "There's a certain logic to Comic Relief choosing Just Can't Get Enough, after all they're a charity and they need your cash

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MK THEATRE STAR INTERVIEW

ED BYRNE

Different Class Tour

Sunday, March 1

ED is just as charming off stage as on it. It is a real pleasure to spend an hour in his company. It's like being treated to a command performance to an audience of one.

Ed, who hails from Swords in Dublin, starts by assessing why his Different Class is striking such a chord with audiences. He thinks they are lapping it up because he reveals so much about himself in his act. What is appealing is how candidly the comic discusses everything from his recent wedding to his frustration at only thinking up the appropriate bon mot long after the moment has passed.

"The best comedy comes from a personal angle," declares 36-year-old Ed, who has shone on such TV shows as Have I Got News For You, Mock the Week, Never Mind the Buzzcocks and 8 out of 10 Cats. "Sometimes you hear a comedian on stage saying, 'I'm single,' and you think, 'no, you're not, you're married with kids!' I think it makes a great difference if as a comic you can take your own life and tell the truth about it. If it's real, it makes it so much better. It gives it much more authenticity and has far greater punch."

The Irishman, who since last summer has been very happily married, continues that, "you could be accused of self-indulgence, but my experience has been that audiences really like it when you reveal something of yourself on stage. It's not funny unless they believe it.

"For instance, one section of 'Different Class' that goes down very well is where I talk about my status. I discuss the difficulty of neither being massively famous nor totally obscure and how strange it is simply to be known as 'that bloke'. The audience really enjoy the feeling of getting to know me better."

One of the many outstanding sections of "Different Class", which completely sold out during its month-long run at this year's Edinburgh Festival, concerns Ed's recent wedding

He wants to congratulate the man who invented the tradition that the groom should never see his bride's dress before The Big Day: "I want to shake his hand for getting us out of that particular shopping expedition. 'Honey, nothing would give me greater pleasure than watching you try on infinity wedding dresses!'"

Never more than a minute or two away from the next joke, Ed concludes with a mischievous grin that, "of course, if my wife ever left me, I'd end up doing the divorce show, and it's quite possible that that wouldn't go down very well at all! People prefer me when I'm happy."

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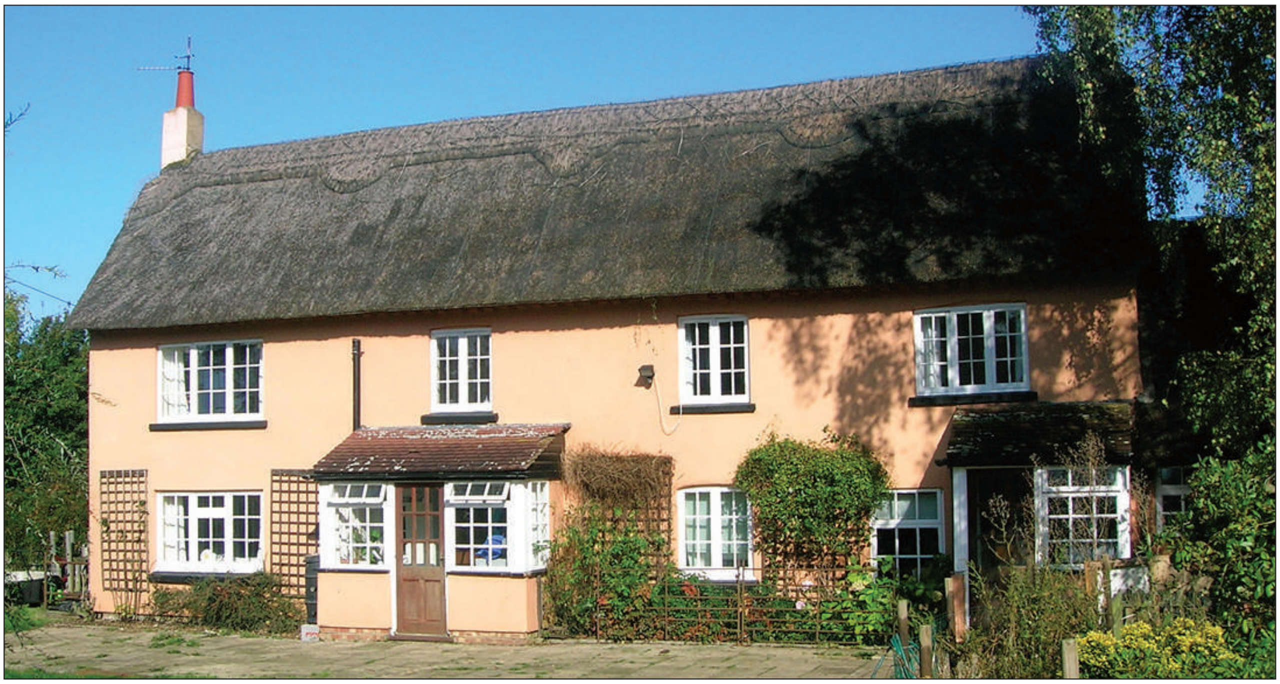

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Fair Lorna has many character features which include: thatched roof, exposed beams and open fire place.

The accommodation briefly comprises: two entrance porches, entrance hall/study, lounge, dining/family room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, ground floor wet room, three bedrooms and family bathroom.

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Great Brickhill £610,000

This five bedroom detached village property sits in an enviable location with views across Aylesbury Vale, an area of 'outstanding natural beauty'.

* 3 Reception rooms * Utility and downstairs cloakroom * Five bedrooms * Two en suites * Dressing room to master bedroom * Ample off road parking * Double Garage * Generous rear garden.

HOME OF THE WEEK Fixed Price £500,000

A rarely available stone built property set in a beautiful village location of Potterspury

* Hand-built kitchen/breakfast room with utility * Three reception rooms* Master bedroom with dressing room and en suite* Bedroom two with en suite* Two further bedrooms and family bathroom*Landscaped garden* Double garage.

Willen £595,000

A stunning detached executive residence situated in a off road location in the highly sought after area of Willen.

* 3 Reception rooms * Kitchen/Diner * Utility and Cloakroom * Five bedrooms * Two en suites * Private gardens * Double garage

Walton Park Fixed Price £500,000

This stunning individual detached property is situated in a desirable cul-de-sac in Walton Park near Caldecotte Lake.

* 4 Reception rooms * Atrium style family room with mezzanine level above * Kitchen/breakfast * Five double bedrooms * Two en suites * Ample off road parking * Double Garage.

Stoke Hammond Fixed Price £500,000

Situated on a substantial corner plot in a beautiful courtyard setting.

*Kitchen/Diner/Family Room * Lounge * Study * Downstairs WC and Utility * Master bedroom with en suite * 3 further bedrooms * Parking for 3 * Oversized garage and workshop * Must be viewed to appreciate.

Shenley Brook End £349,995

A stunning five bedroom property overlooking the green and boasts:

*Lounge *Dining Room * Kitchen/Breakfast * Utility * Five Bedrooms *Three Bathrooms* Double Garage *Must Be Viewed

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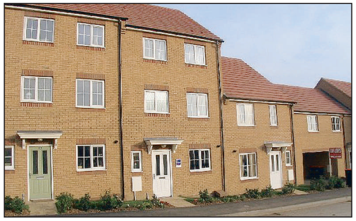
LAST PLOT REMAINING! £235,000



Take advantage, for this is a fantastic 4 bedroom home which is ready now and offered with Part Exchange. Boasting living rooms on 2 floors and en suites to two bedrooms. Keys in office. Situated on the edge of Leighton Buzzard with excellent commuter route south.

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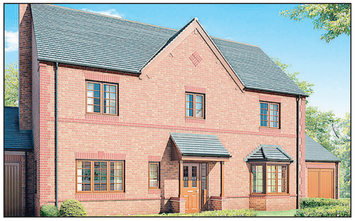
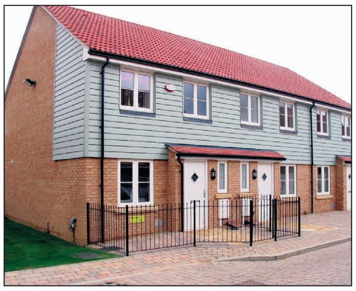
4 BED DETACHED BACKING ONTO PARKLAND £400,000



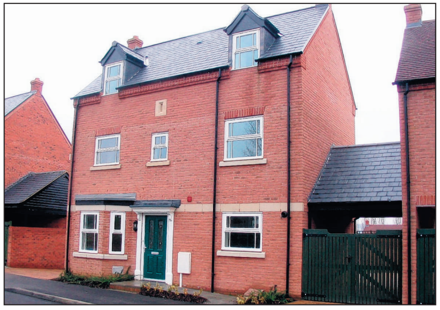
Set on a no through road just 62 homes surrounded by parkland and an original church, yet all the convenience of Milton Keynes and M1 junction. This fantastic 4 bedroom detached house with single garage. The accommodation boasts a big kitchen/diner, 2 separate reception rooms and utility and downstairs WC. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms and 3 bath/shower rooms.

TRADITIONAL SEMI WITH CARPORT £199,995



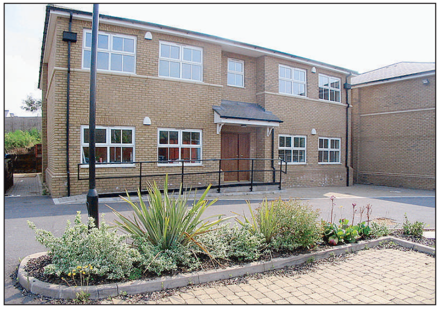
Boasting a carport and drive this rarely available 3 bedroom 2 storey house is situated in a sought after, West Milton Keynes area. Popular schooling is offered locally. *Part Exchange, it's less hassle* Please note: the main picture is of a similar house.

ALMOST 27FT LOUNGE £269,950



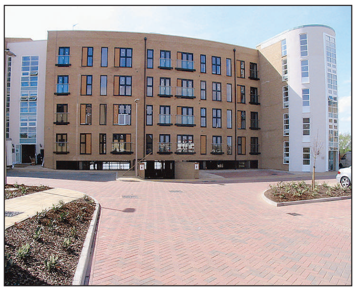
Boasting 4 large double bedrooms and 3 bath/en-suites. Complemented downstairs with an open plan kitchen/dining room, this includes Bosch appliances. Then there is the amazing separate double aspect living room and gated parking. Set on a canal side development adjacent to Waterhall Park. Ideally located, just off the A5, A4146 junction for southern destinations. Ready now, key in office.

BRAND NEW APARTMENTS £130,000



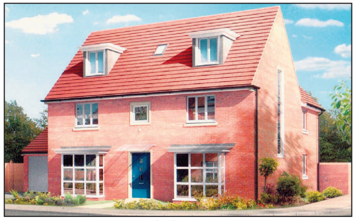
Spacious brand new 730 sqft 2 bed apartments set behind electric gates, with 2 allocated parking spaces. With huge 19'7" lounges, separate 11'8" kitchens, and solar water heating. These apartments are situated in Fenny Stratford in South Milton Keynes. Also available on a shared equity scheme, to find out more please call Taylor New Homes on 01908 677227.

LIFT TO YOUR UNDERGROUND CARPARK £199,000



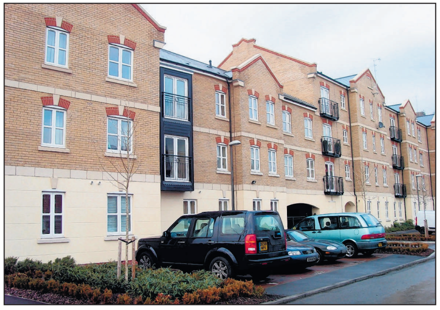
Set in an enviable lakeside development, a range of luxury 2 bedroom apartments with 2 julliet balconies. Hotel style internal corridors with contemporary lifts and stairwell set the scene for entering your modern, light home with an excellent specification. Situated on the edge of Milton Keynes. Ready now, key in office.

DEN IN THE LOFT £397,995



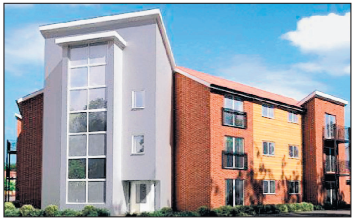
Boasting all the trappings of a family sized home with 5 double bedrooms, 2 en-suites, a walk in wardrobe, 3 receptions, family kitchen with full length glass wall onto garden, and a bonus den/storage room in the roof space. Offered with its own drive to double garage. Part exchange available. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes with popular school catchment and quick access onto the M1.

NEXT TO AYLESBURY TRAIN STATION £135,000



Grand Central is a superb development of apartments situated within walking distance of Aylesbury train station and town centre. There remains a large selection of 2 bedroomed, 2 bathroom apartments left on this exclusive development.

CALL AND ARRANGE A VIEWING! £157,995



Brand new spacious 773 sqft apartment. Situated on a newly released development in Milton Keynes. These apartments offer an open plan kitchen/living area. Two double bedrooms and 2 bath/shower rooms.

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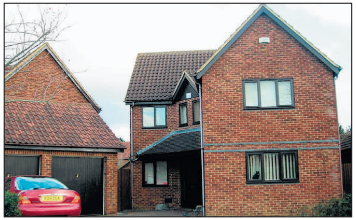
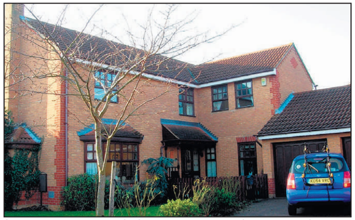
Willen £290,000



* 4 Bedrooms
* Kitchen
* Utility room
* Cloakroom
* Dining Room
* Lounge
* Family Bathroom
* En-suite

Old Farm ParkO.I.E.O. £310,000



* Four Bedrooms * Central Heating * Double Glazing
* Separate Reception Rooms * Utility Room
* Study * En-suite to Master * Family Bathroom
* Gardens * Triple Garage

WANTED!
Mrs C urgently requires a 1 bed in The Hub. Please call (01908) 678151 Now!

Furzton Lake £350,000

SOLD STC - SIMILAR REQUIRED
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* 5 Bedrooms
* Cloakroom
* Lounge
* Dining room
* Kitchen/breakfast room
* En-suite
* Double Garage
* Faces onto Furzton Lake

Great Holm £250,000

SOLD STC - SIMILAR REQUIRED
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* Four Bedroom Property
* Kitchen/Breakfast Room
* Lounge
* Dining Room
* Study
* En-Suite to Master Bedroom
* Garden
* Detached Double Garage

Bancroft OIEO £195,000

SOLD STC - SIMILAR REQUIRED
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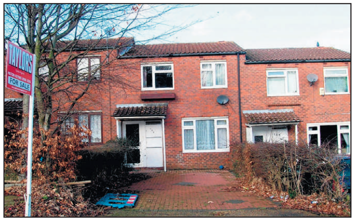
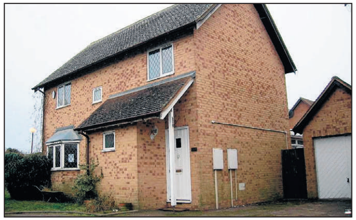
* Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
* Entrance Hall
* Lounge
* Dining Room
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Garage
* Gardens

Springfield £109,995



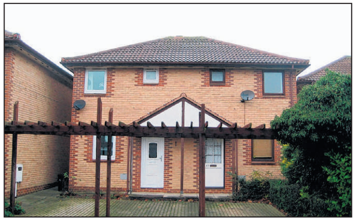
* Three Bedroom Terraced Property
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Family Bathroom
* Off Road Parking
* Gardens
* No Upper Chain
* Call to view on 01908 678151!

Wavendon Gate £209,995



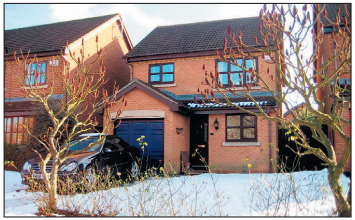
* Four Bedroom Detached Property
* Corner Plot
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Utility
* Gardens
* Off Road Parking
* Garage

Beanhill £34,995



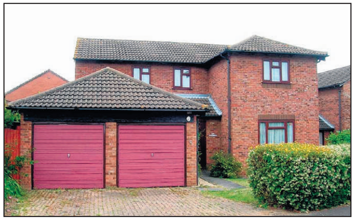
* Two bedroom terraced house
* Offered on the popular shared ownership scheme
* Entrance hall
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* First floor landing
* Bathroom
* Gardens and off road parking

Shenley Brook End £209,995



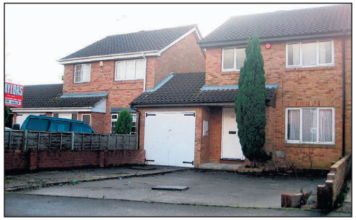
* 3 bedroom detached
* Kitchen
* Cloakroom
* Lounge/diner
* Conservatory
* En-suite
* Garage and driveway
* Prime location!

Great Holm £235,000



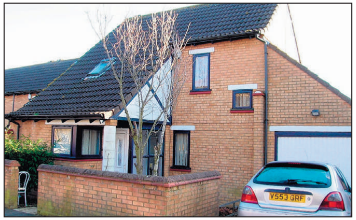
* Four bedroom detached
* Cloakroom & Utility
* Kitchen
* Dining Room
* Lounge
* En suite & Bathroom
* Gardens
* Off road parking & Double garage

Neath Hill £99,995



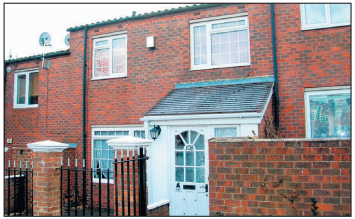
*3 Bedrooms
*Detached property
*In need of modernisation
*Vacant Possession
*Key in office for viewings

Fishermead £109,995



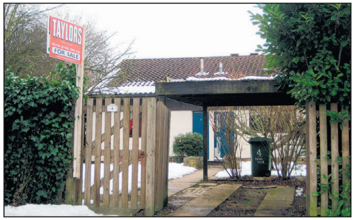
* 3 Bedrooms
* Vacant Possession
* Entrance Hall
* Shower Room
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Gardens

Springfield O.I.E.O £120,000



* 3 Bedrooms
* Entrance Porch
* Lounge
* Dining area
* Kitchen
* Conservatory
* Gardens

Coffee Hall £159,995



* 3 Bedrooms
* Bungalow
* Cloakroom
* Lounge
* Kitchen/diner
* Study
* Bathroom
* Gardens

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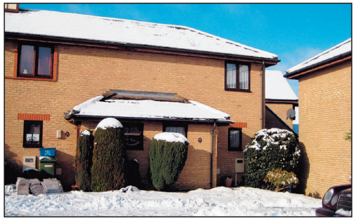
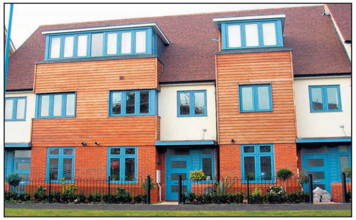
Crownhill £139,995



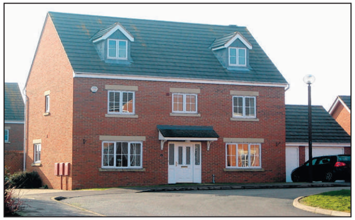
* 2 Bedrooms
* End of terrace
* Lounge
* Dining Room
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Front & rear gardens
* Off road parking

Broughton £270,000



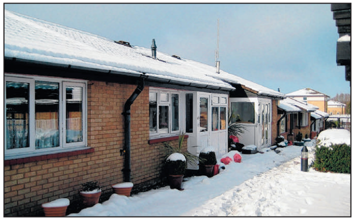
* 5 bedrooms
* 3 Storeys
* Large receptions
* Cloakroom
* En suite
* Off road parking

Tattenhoe £329,995



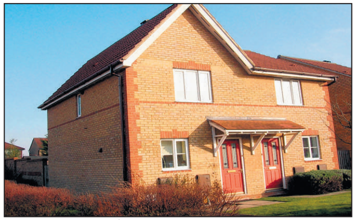
* 5 Bedroom Detached * Cloakroom * Lounge
* Dining room * Kitchen/Breakfast Room
* Utility Room * Two En Suites
* Double Garage * Gardens
* We strongly recommend viewing

Oldbrook £49,995



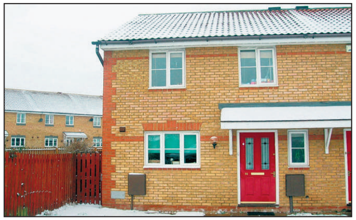
* 10% shared ownership
* Over 55's retirement bungalow
* Double glazed
* Gas to radiator heating
* Rear garden

Monkston £72,000



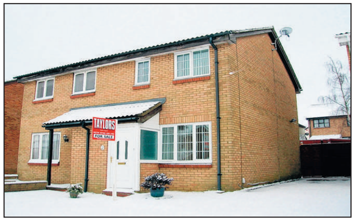
* Two Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Kitchen
* Lounge/Diner
* Off Road Parking
* Added £4,000 Premium

Monkston O.I.E.O £160,000



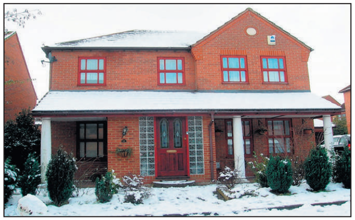
* 3 Bedrooms
* End of terrace
* Lounge
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Family Bathroom
* Gardens
* Off road parking

Downs BarnO.I.E.O £130,000



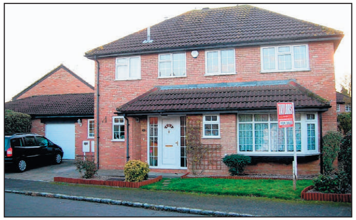
* Two Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Double Glazing
* Gas Central Heating
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Gardens
* Off Road Parking

Two Mile Ash £300,000



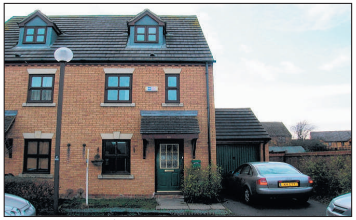
* 4 Bedrooms
* Detached property
* Cloakroom
* 3 Reception rooms
* Kitchen/breakfast Room
* Study
* En-suite
* Gardens

Great LinfordOIEO £275,000



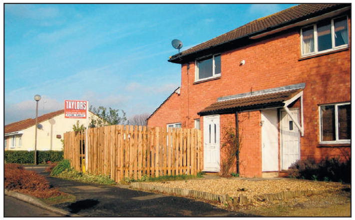
* 4/5 Spacious Detached Property
* Central Heating
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Utility
* En-Suite to Master Bedroom
* Garage
* Gardens
* Call to view 01908 678151

Monkston OIEO £175,000



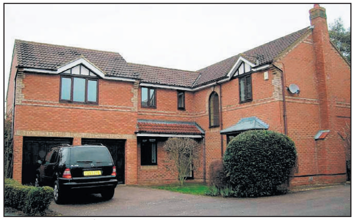
* Three Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Conservatory
* En-Suite to Master
* Gardens
* Garage

Bradville £79,750



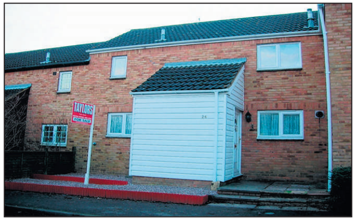
* One bedroom terrace
* Entrance Porch
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Garden

Old Farm Park OIEO £390,000



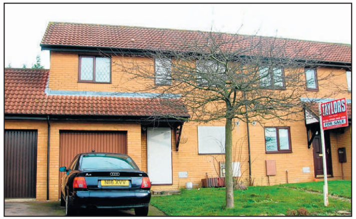
* Five Bedroom Detached Property
* In Our Opinion Well Presented
* Situated on a Corner Plot
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Study & Utility Room
* Two En-Suites
* Gardens
* Double Garage

Pennyland £142,500



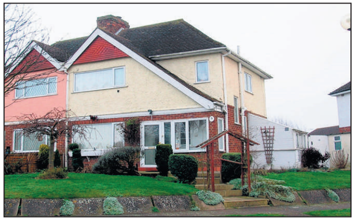
* 3 Bedrooms
* Lounge
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Kitchen/Diner
* Utility Room
* Family Bathroom
* Gardens
* Carport

Browns Wood £104,995



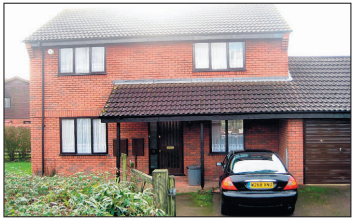
* Two Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Gardens
* Driveway and Garage
* Vacant Possession

Bradville OIEO £135,000



* Three Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Gardens

Heelands £225,000



* 4 Bedroom Detached
* Cloakroom
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Diner
* Bathroom
* Double garage
* Gardens

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Shenley Brook End £94,950

* One Bedroom Cottage
* Entrance Hall
* Open Plan Living Area
* Bedroom
* Bathroom
* No Upper Chain
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9 Melfort Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 3QB
We are acting for the mortgagee in possession and have received an offer of £72,500 on the above property.
Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

Calder Vale £149,995

* Three Bedrooms
* End of Terrace
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Entrance Porch
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Diner
* Bathroom

Westcroft £179,950

* Four/Five Bedroom
* Semi-Detached
* Townhouse
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Garage
* No Upper Chain

3 & 4 bed properties urgently wanted in the Shenleys for waiting buyers. Please call for a free marketing appraisal on 01908 524456.

'Rivers' £145,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Semi-Detached
* Central Heating
* Kitchen
* Lounge/Diner
* Bathroom
* Gardens
* Garage

'Rivers' £149,995

* Three Bedrooms
* Chalet Style Property
* Entrance Porch
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Bathroom
* Off Road Parking
* Gardens
* Garage

Oakhill £194,995

* Four Bedroom Townhouse
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Kitchen
* Lounge/Dining Room
* En-Suite
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Off Road Parking
* A Viewing is a must!

Public Notice

Taylors Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £125,000 for 35 Cropwell Bishop, Emerson Valley, MK4 2AH. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Taylors Westcroft, 4 Barnsdale Drive, Westcroft, MK4 4DD on 01908 524456 before exchange of contracts.

'Rivers' £117,500

* Two Bedrooms
* Terraced Property
* Central Heating
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* Dining Room
* Bathroom
* Gardens

'Rivers' £195,000

* Five Bedrooms
* Detached Property
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Gardens
* Garage

Shenley Lodge £199,995

* Three Bedroom Property
* Detached
* Kitchen & Lounge
* Conservatory
* Utility & Cloakroom
* Rear Garden
* Driveway providing ORP
* Garage

Grange Farm £184,995

* Three Bedroom Property
* In Our Opinion " Well Presented"
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Kitchen
* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Garage

Fenny Stratford £330,000

* Four Bedrooms
* Detached
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Bathroom
* Off Road Parking

Mr & Mrs J are looking for a two/three bedroom house in any condition in Bletchley up to £125,000
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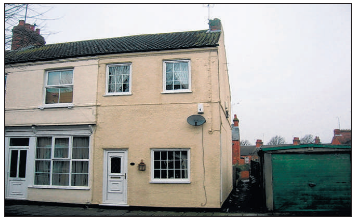
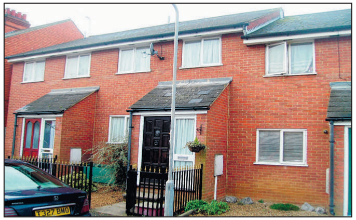
New Bradwell £129,995



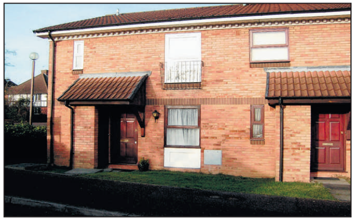
*Two Bedrooms *End of Terrace
*Lounge/Diner *Kitchen
*Bathroom *Rear Garden
*Internal Viewing is highly recommended
*To appreciate quality of living space!

Wolverton £139,995



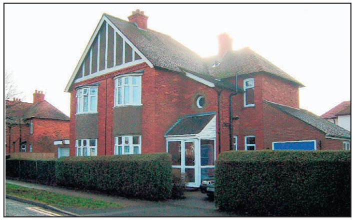
*Three Bedrooms *Mid-Terrace
*Kitchen *Lounge/Diner
*Refitted Bathroom *Conservatory
*Front & Rear Gardens *Garage
*Call 01908 312623 to arrange a viewing today!

Two Mile Ash £89,995



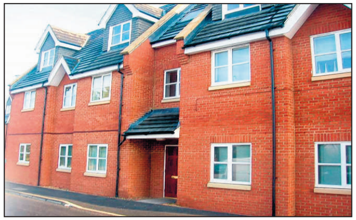
* Well Presented
* One Bedroom
* Ground Floor Maisonette
* Garden
* Off Road Parking
* Must Be Viewed!

Stony Stratford Guide Price £300,000



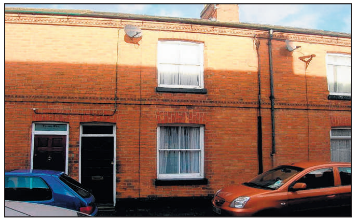
* An Extremely Well Presented
* Rarely Available Three Bedroom
* 1930's Style Semi Detached Home
* Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
* Two Garages and Garden
* Must Be Viewed!

New Bradwell £154,995



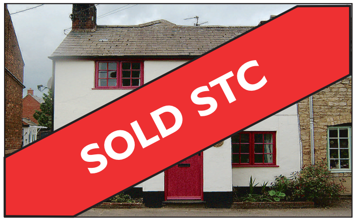
* Well Presented * Two Bedroom
* Ground Floor Flat
* Double Glazing * Electric Heating
* Allocated Parking
* Viewing Recommended

Wolverton £110,000



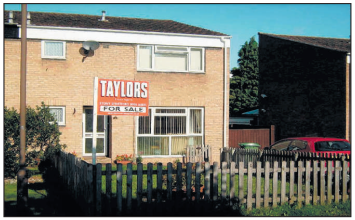
* Two Bedroom
* Victorian Property
* Rear Garden
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Double Glazing (where specified)
* No Upper Chain.

Deanshanger Offers Over £225,000



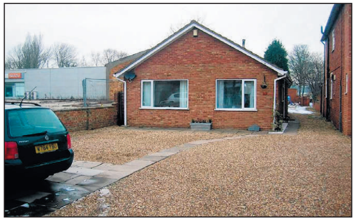
* Very Well Presented
* Three Bedroom
* Character Cottage
* Refitted Kitchen
* Cloakroom
* Large Garden
* Call 01908 563825 to View!

Galley Hill O.I.R.O. £140,000



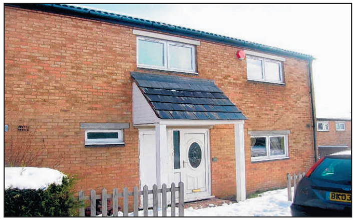
* Well Presented
* Three Bedroom
* Semi Detached Home
* Double Glazing * Refitted Kitchen
* Garage * Viewing Recommended

New Bradwell O.I.R.O. £245,000



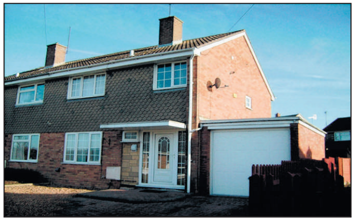
* Well Presented *3/4 Bedroom
* Detached Bungalow
* Double Glazing
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Ample Off Road Parking
* Must Be Viewed!

Hodge Lea £144,995



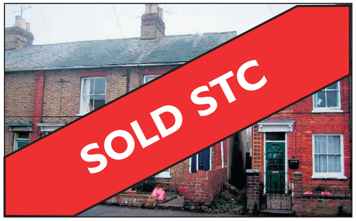
* Very Well Presented
* Four Bedroom * End Of Terrace
* Gas Heating* Double Glazing
* Gardens * Allocated Parking
* Must Be Viewed!

Hanslope Offers Over £170,000



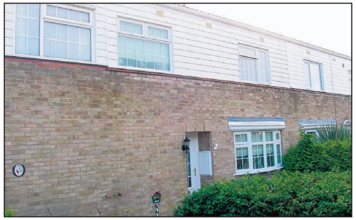
* Very Well Presented
* Three Bedroom
* Semi Detached Property
* Cloakroom * Refitted Kitchen
* Refitted Bathroom
* Garage and Countryside Views

Stony Stratford Guide Price £120,000



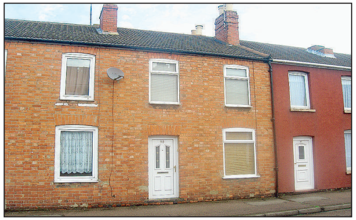
* Three Bedroom
* Victorian Style
* End Of Terrace
* In Need Of Modernisation

Stacey Bushes £127,995



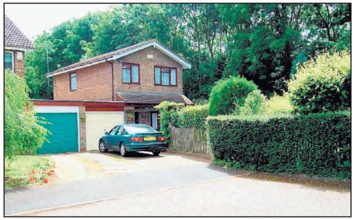
*Three Bedrooms
*Cloakroom
*Walk In Storage Cupboard
*Refitted Kitchen
*Lounge/Diner
*Shower Room
*Front & Rear Gardens
*Carport Parking

Wolverton O.I.E.O £129,995



* Two bedrooms * Well presented
* Victorian property * Gas to radiator heating
* Double glazing * Front and rear gardens
* Single garage * Driveway * Off road parking

Hill Top £175,000



* Well Presented * Three Bedroom
* Detached Property
* Situated On A Good Size Plot
* Gas Radiator Heating * Utility Room
* Garage * No Upper Chain

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Newport Pagnell £85,000

*One Bedroom *Entrance Hall
*Lounge/Diner *Inner Hallway
*Kitchen *Gas to Radiator Heating
*Communal Gardens

Newport Pagnell £139,995

* Three bedrooms * Semi detached
* Double glazing * Gas to radiator heating
* Front & rear gardens * Garage
* 01908 611966

Turvey £159,995

* Well Presented * Three Bedroom
* Semi Detached Home
* Undergone Many Improvements
* Brick Built Outbuilding * UPVC Double Glazing
* Gas Radiator Heating * Gardens
* Must Be Viewed!

Olney £199,995

* Immaculately Presented
* Three Bedroom
* Modern Property
* Cloakroom * Gardens
* Parking For Approx Two Vehicles
* Must Be Viewed!

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Great Linford Guide Price £274,995

* Four bedrooms
* Spacious and well presented
* Detached family home * Double glazing
* Gas to radiator heating * Off road parking
* Front & rear gardens * 01908 611966

Stoke Goldington £274,950

* Four bedrooms * Detached home
* Very well presented * Double glazing
* Gas to radiator heating * Front & rear gardens
* Single garage * Carport
* 01234 713333

Astwood £224,995

* Beautifully Presented
* Extended Character Cottage
* Three Bedrooms
* Lounge With Open Fireplace
* Extended and Refitted Kitchen
* Conservatory and Cloakroom
* Must Be Viewed!

Newport Pagnell £179,995

* Three bedrooms * Extended semi detached
* Double glazing * Gas to radiator heating
* Front & rear gardens * Garage
* Off road parking * 01908 611966

Newport Pagnell £159,995

*Two Bedrooms *End Of Terrace Bungalow
*Double Glazing *Spacious Rooms
*Corner Plot Style Garden *Off Road Parking
* For Over 55's * Manager On Site
*Viewing Highly Recommended!

Olney £189,950

* Three Bedroom Semi * Extended
* Much Improved * Three Reception Rooms
* Utility Room * Off Road Parking For Several Cars
* Rear Garden * 01234 713333

Cogenhoe £429,950

* Five bedrooms * Detached property
* Separate receptions * Double glazing
* Gas to radiator heating * Downstairs cloakroom
* Ensuite to bedroom one * Front & rear gardens
* Driveway offering off road parking * Detached double garage
* 01234 713333

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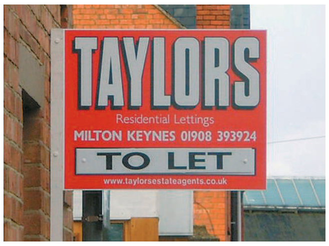

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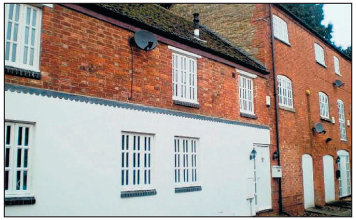
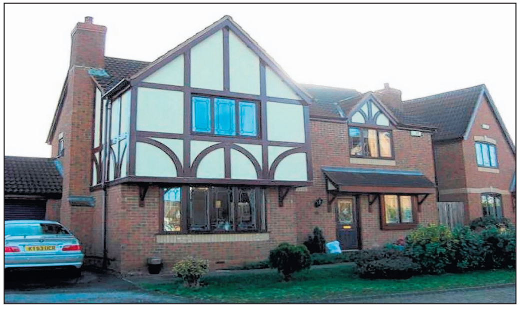
Stony Stratford £695



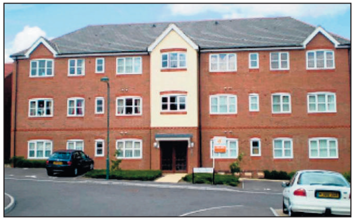
Taylors Lettings are delighted to offer this Well presented 1 Bedroom Maisonette with Character, Situated in the much sought after Historical Market Town of Stony Stratford. The property is furnished and available immediately. Please call the lettings team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924.

Shenley Lodge New Price £1,595



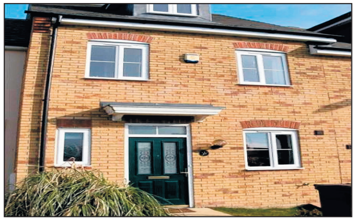
Taylors Lettings are Delighted to offer for Long Term Rent, This Superb Extended 4 Bedroom Detached property, Situated in the Exclusive 'Kindermann Court' area of Shenley Lodge. The property Boasts Fully Fitted Kitchen with Granite work Surfaces, Lounge, Dining Room, Family Room and Study, Downstairs Cloakroom and Utility, 4 Double Bedrooms, Refitted En-Suite, Family Bathroom, Corner Plot Garden and Double Garage with off Road Parking. Please call the lettings Team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924.

Oakhill £750



Taylors Lettings are delighted to offer this 2 bedroom Second floor Apartment situated in the popular 'Oakhill' area of Milton Keynes. The property is offered unfurnished and is available from the end of February 2009. Please call the lettings team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924.

Leighton Buzzard £825



Taylors Lettings are delighted to offer this well presented 3 Bedroom property Situated in the Popular 'Sandhills' development in Leighton Buzzard. The property is designed over 3 floors for spacious modern living and comprises of 3 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms lounge, kitchen garden and a garage with allocated parking. The property is available from the end of February 2009 and is unfurnished. Please call the lettings team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924.

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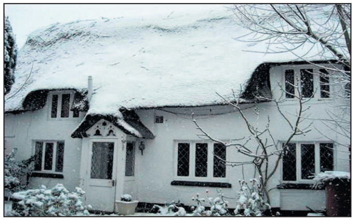
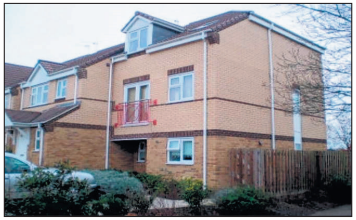
Wollaston £625



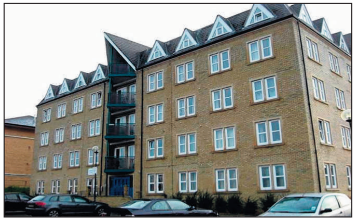
Taylors Lettings are Delighted to offer for Rent this Beautiful example of a 17th Century Grade II Listed Detached Cottage, Situated in the picturesque Village of Wollaston, Northants. The property comprises of 2 double bedrooms, kitchen, lounge dining room, rear garden and parking. There is an outbuilding also within the plot which could be available under negotiation. Please call the lettings team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924.

Oldbrook £875



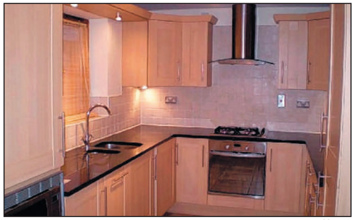
Taylors Residential Lettings are delighted to offer this three / four bedroom end of terrace town house, which is within walking distance to the shopping centre and to the train station. The property has hallway, kitchen, wc, dining room/fourth bedroom on the ground floor, living room and bedroom one on the first floor, and on the second floor is bedroom two and three and a bathroom. There is also off road parking for two cars and front and rear gardens.

Central Milton Keynes £850



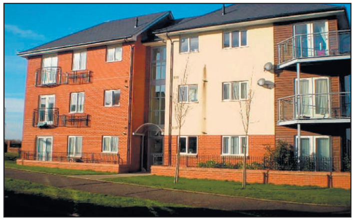
Taylors Lettings Are delighted to offer this 4 Double Bedroom, Third Floor Executive apartment, Situated in the Much sought after 'Clarence House' area of Central Milton Keynes. The property is Part furnished and available from Early January 2009. Please call the lettings team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924

Broughton £750



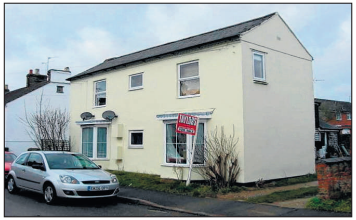
Taylors Residential Lettings are delighted to offer first floor apartment, situated in the popular location of Broughton. The property comprises of * Entrance Hall * Lounge * Kitchen * 2 Double Bedrooms * En-suite * Family Bathroom * Parking.

Broughton £700



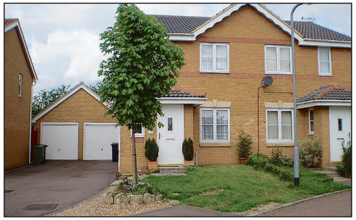
Taylors Lettings are delighted to offer this Well Presented 2 bedroom First floor Apartment, Situated in the Popular 'Broughton' area of Milton Keynes. The property is Furnished and available Immediately. Please call the lettings team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924.

Fenny Stratford £650



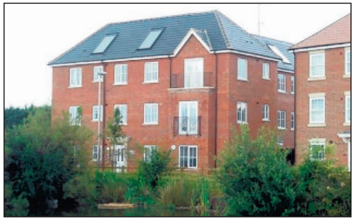
Taylors Lettings are Delighted to offer for Rent this Superb 2 Bedroom first floor apartment, Situated in the Popular 'Napier street' area of Bletchley. The property is Unfurnished and available immediately! Please call the lettings team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924.

Deanshanger £795



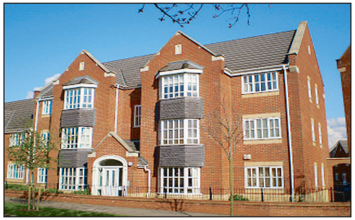
Taylors residential lettings are delighted to offer this three bedroom semi-detached property situated in the popular area of Deanshanger. Furnishing optional. Available mid July 2008.

Woburn Sands £750



Taylors Lettings are delighted to offer this two bedroom first floor apartment situated in the popular location of 'Woburn Sands'. The property is part furnished and available immediately.

Bletchley £695



Taylors Residential Lettings are delighted to offer this two bedroom second floor apartment (top floor). The property is located in the Knaresborough Court area of Bletchley and is available immediately. Must be viewed!

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HEELANDS £48,000

TWO BEDROOM MID TERRACE PROPERTY
30% SHARE
CONSERVATORY
CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
GARAGE IN BLOCK

OLDBROOK £66,000

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
60% SHARE
LOUNGE WITH BALCONY
ELECTRIC HEATING
NO UPPER CHAIN
PHOTO SHOWS BLOCK
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STANTONBURY £74,995

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR MAISONETTE
REFITTED KITCHEN/DINER
REFITTED BATHROOM
NO CHAIN
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MS J IS LOOKING FOR A THREE BEDROOM PROPERTY IN BRADWELL COMMON. CAN YOU HELP? CALL 01908 606951.

MONKSTON £76,000

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
50% SHARE
PRICE INCLUDES £4000 FOR FIXTURES & FITTINGS
ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
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FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY
SET ON A CORNER PLOT
SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS
MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE
DRIVEWAY & GARAGE PROVIDING OFF ROAD PARKING
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GREENLEYS £124,995

TWO BEDROOM END OF TERRACE PROPERTY
REFITTED KITCHEN/DINER
REFITTED BATHROOM
FRONT & REAR GARDENS
ALLOCATED PARKING
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SPRINGFIELD GUIDE PRICE £129,995

THREE BEDROOM END OF TERRACE PROPERTY
CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
FRONT & REAR GARDENS
OFF ROAD PARKING
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HEELANDS OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £129,995

THREE BEDROOM CHALET STYLE PROPERTY
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BATHROOM & SEPARATE WC
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BRADVILLE OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £130,000

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
REFITTED KITCHEN/DINER
ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
GARAGE & DRIVEWAY PARKING
NO CHAIN
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CAN YOU HELP?

DUE TO HIGH DEMAND WE URGENTLY REQUIRE PROPERTIES IN MILTON KEYNES FOR WAITING BUYERS. CALL 01908 606951.

SHENLEY LODGE £159,995

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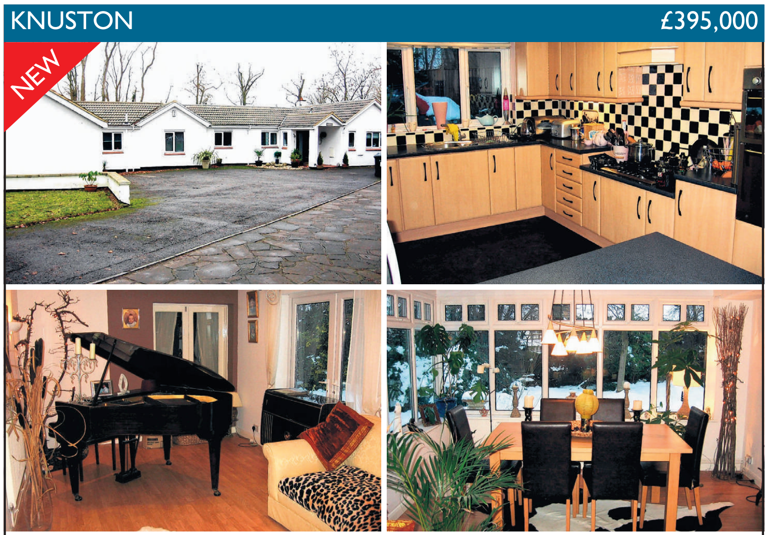

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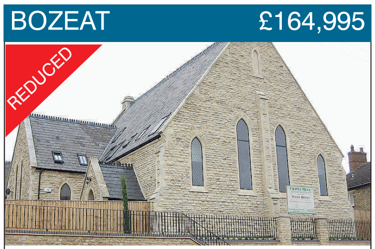

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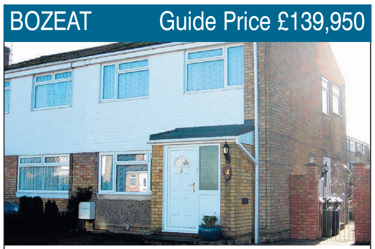

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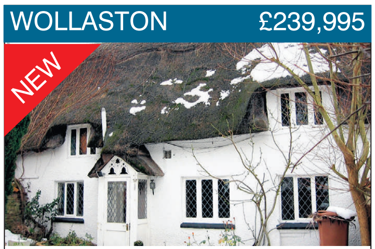

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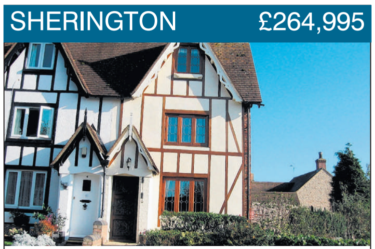

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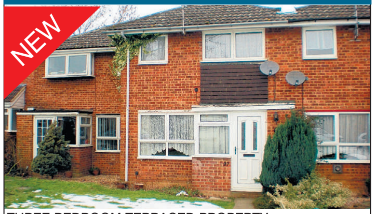

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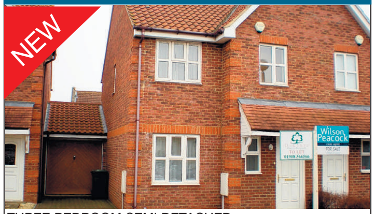

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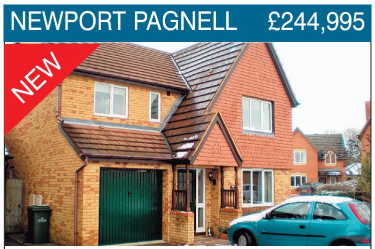

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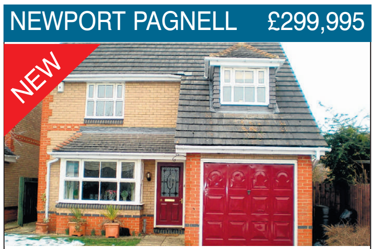
NEWPORT PAGNELL £299,995



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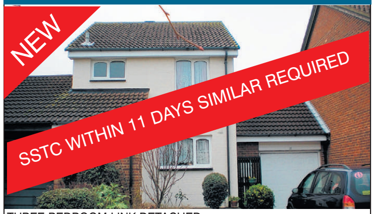

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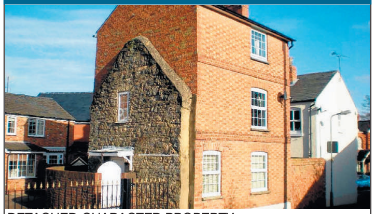

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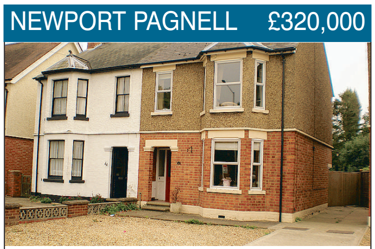

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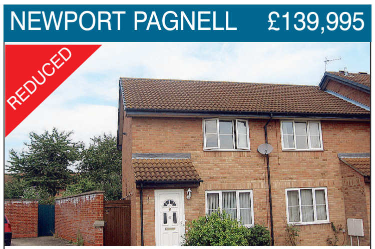

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NEW BRADWELL **£130,000**

* 3 Bedrooms
* Mid terrace property
* Separate reception rooms
* Original features
* UPVC double glazed windows
* Gas to radiator heating
* Enclosed rear garden

WOLVERTON **£190,000**

* 3 Bedrooms
* End of terrace property
* Many original features
* Separate reception rooms
* Kitchen/breakfast room
* Downstairs cloakroom
* Upstairs re-fitted bathroom
* One & half width garage
* Overlooking Tennis Courts

STACEY BUSHES **£127,995**

* 3 Bedrooms
* Mid terrace property
* Open plan lounge/diner
* Re-fitted kitchen with oven & hob
* Downstairs cloakroom
* Laminate flooring
* UPVC double glazed windows
* Gas to radiator heating
* Off road parking

TWO MILE ASH **£88,000**

* 3 Bedrooms
* Semi detached house
* 60% shared ownership
* UPVC double glazing
* Gas to radiator heating
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Re-fitted bathroom
* Off road parking for 2 cars
* Cul-de sac location

WOLVERTON **£175,000**

* 4 Bedrooms
* Mid terrace property
* Upstairs bathroom
* Lounge through diner
* Kitchen/breakfast room
* Utility room
* Downstairs cloakroom
* Sealed unit double glazing
* Off road rear parking

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

MOON STREET, WOLVERTON **£249,950**

* 4 Bedrooms
* Double bay fronted property
* Separate reception rooms
* Cellar converted study
* Original fireplaces
* Sash cord windows
* Re-fitted bathroom suite
* Re-fitted combination boiler
* Downstairs cloakroom & utility room
* Loft converted 4th bedroom

WOLVERTON **£175,000**

FULL CELLAR

* 3 double bedrooms
* Converted Full Cellar
* Many original features
* Victorian Fireplaces
* Exposed floorboards & doors
* Upvc double glazing
* Kitchen/breakfast room
* Upstairs bathroom
* Downstairs shower room

WOLVERTON **£160,000**

* 3 Bedrooms
* Barratt built in 2002
* En-suite to master bedroom
* Downstairs cloakroom
* Dining room
* Re-fitted gas combination boiler
* Sealed unit double glazed windows
* Front & rear gardens
* Garage & off road parking

WOLVERTON **£175,000**

* 3 Bedrooms
* Mid terrace property
* Lounge/dining room
* Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room
* Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
* Utility room
* UPVC double glazing (where specified)
* Gas to radiator heating
* Front & rear gardens

NEW BRADWELL **£149,995**

* 3 Bedrooms
* Mid terrace property
* Lounge through diner
* Re-fitted kitchen with built in appliances
* Re-fitted bathroom
* UPVC double glazing
* Gas to radiator heating

WOLVERTON **£190,000**

STAMP DUTY PAID

* 3 Bedrooms
* 1930's semi detached
* Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom
* Downstairs cloakroom
* Utility room
* UPVC double glazing
* Gas to radiator heating
* Backing onto cricket grounds
* Driveway leading to single garage

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New Instruction

Brownswood £139,995
- 2 Bed Mid Terrace
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Approx 60ft Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Viewing Highly Recommended

New Instruction

Tree Estate £154,950

- 3 Bed Semi
- Double Glazing
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Internal Viewing Recommended

New Instruction

Central Bletchley £98,000
- 70% Shared equity
- 2 Bed Bungalow
- Over 55's Warden Assisted
- No Upper Chain

Bletchley £132,500
3 Bedroom semi detached with off road parking in a popular part of Bletchley. In need of modernisation and priced to sell quickly. Call now to avoid disappointment.

Bletchley £144,995
- 3 Bedroom End Terrace
- No Upper Chain
- Refitted Kitchen
- Keys in Office

Rivers £189,995
- 4 Bedroom family Home
- Good Decorative Order
- Converted Garage
- Call NOW to view!

Bletchley OIEO £193,000
- 3 Bedroom Detached
- Good Decorative Order
- Single Garage With Driveway
- Enclosed Rear Garden

Mill Road £229,950
- 4 Bed Detached
- Recently Redecorated
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Upper Chain

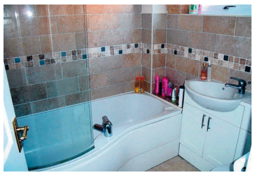
Redhouse Park FROM £60,000
- Brand new shared ownerships
- Floor coverings throughout
- Fantastic location
- Early viewing advised

Oxley Park £56,000
- Brand new shared ownerships
- Two double bedrooms
- En-suite
- Must be viewed

Fishermead £119,950
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge with Balcony
- No Upper Chain

Shenley Brook End £139,950
- Two Bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Garage
- No Upper Chain

Furzton £164,995
- Three Bed Semi-detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garage
- No Upper Chain



Great Linford £174,995
- Three Bed Semi Detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Garage

Willen £229,950
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Ensuite
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Utility

Newport Pagnell £249,995
- Four Bed Detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Utility
- Ensuite
- Garage

Emerson Valley OIEO £215,000

- Four bed detached
- Re-fitted cloakroom
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Separate receptions
- Re-fitted bathroom
- En-suite
- Garage
- Viewing highly recommended

Monkston £289,995

- Split level detached property
- Three/four bedrooms
- Galleried landing/room
- Kitchen/Breakfast & utility
- Separate receptions
- Four piece en-suite
- Garage
- View to appreciate

Stony Stratford £225,000

- Four Bedroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Ensuite Shower Room
- Cloakroom with shower cubicle
- Re-fitted Upstairs Bathroom
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Old Stratford £189,995

- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Village Location

Deanshanger £139,995
- 2 Bed Bungalow
- Gardens & Parking
- Countryside Views
- Vacant Possesion

Deanshanger £175,000
- L-Shaped Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Gas to Radiator Central Heating
- Garage & Parking

Stony Stratford £199,995
- Immaculate 2 Bed
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Off Road Parking

Stony Stratford £265,000
- Two separate Reception Rooms
- Hand Crafted Kitchen/Breakfast
- Feature Fireplace
- Cloakroom & Utility

Two Mile Ash £100,000
- 3 Bed Semi
- Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom With Balcony
- Garden backing onto Allotments

Newport Pagnall £92,500
- 3 Bed Terrace
- Separate Kitchen
- 50% Share
- Garage in nearby block

Stony Stratford £235,000
- Lounge with Fireplace
- Separate dining room
- 4 bedrooms
- Cul-de-sac location

Yardley Gobion £135,000
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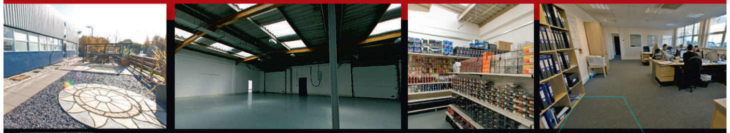

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It's a good time to move....

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Upon launching their new campaign **it's a good time to move** their Managing Director Peter Wallace said "while it appears the housing market is in a state of doom and gloom and negative media we have really seen buyers and sellers taking advantage of the many reasons why **it's a good time to move".**

Peter explains "most of our buyers and sellers are surprised to see what is really available, at what price and how much less it can cost to move today compared to recent years. People are starting to realise that the reasons why they might not be moving are in fact the reasons why they should".

Peter added "interest rates are at their lowest level in UK history making borrowing more affordable; stamp duty threshold was raised so more buyers save more money.

In addition you have seen property prices at their lowest point in years making the step up more achievable for many buyers. This means that owning a property today is realistic and achievable which helps more and more first time buyers step on the property ladder after being priced out of the market over the last few years. We are also able to help people reinvesting in today's market buy their next house for considerably less, which means if required they will be borrowing less money for their next mortgage".

Peter said "for three days in December we launched a campaign called the Countrywide end of year property sale and it proved to be a huge success. In fact it proved that buyers and sellers were taking advantage of the housing market today and seemed to be moving at potentially lower cost compared to 2007. We subsequently agreed more new sales in December 2008 than in 2007 which was supposed to be a "better market!" according to so called experts".

In January Taylors Estate Agents placed (600) new properties on the market, agreed around (400) new sales and registered around (3500) new buyers, so is it a good time to move?.

Finally Peter said "feel free to contact your local branch and find out why it's a good time to move and how Taylors can help you do so".

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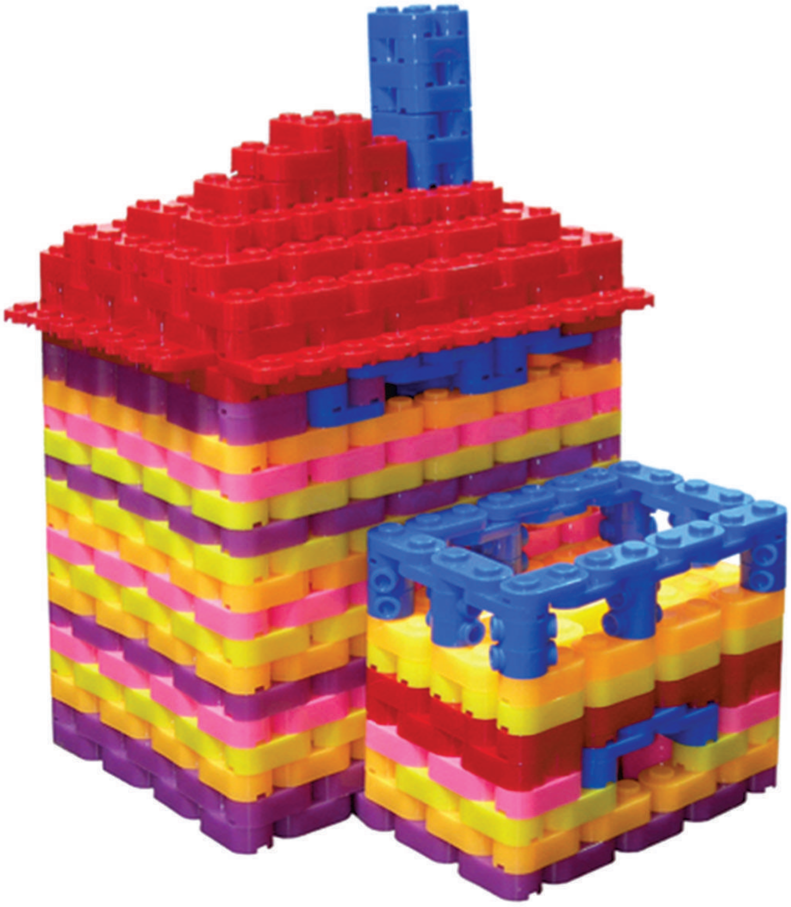

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A 'recession-busting' wedding list launched

A CITY company has launched a 'recession wedding service' to reduce the financial strain on newly weds.

Event management company and Dragons' Den victors, D4M Ltd, has launched a unique gift list service for premarital couples to help pay for their big day, amid fears that 2009 will see an increase in cancelled weddings due to the current economic crisis.

With a reported average spend of £15,000 for today's wedding, the D4M Gift List is designed to help reduce this bill and is being welcomed by couples as well as wedding suppliers.

Anything from the wedding dress and live band to table favours and canapes can be put on the list for friends and family to select and either pay for outright or contribute towards.

Managing director Julia Charles said: "Your wedding is one the most special days of your life but it's also one of the most expensive.

"We've been organising and dressing weddings for nearly seven years and already we have heard of people cancelling their wedding due to financial reasons.

"Rather than postpone your dream, we are giving couples a service that allows them to reduce the costs."

Couples meet with D4M Ltd to discuss each detail of their wedding day and a cost is put next to each item.

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As well as arranging gift lists, the company also provides services including venue finding, entertainment, wedding dress finding and flowers.

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Former chamber boss joins MK Academy school

Sean Hickey

A former chief executive of Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce has joined the management team of The Milton Keynes Academy.

Sean Hickey has been appointed as director of business and enterprise for the new £27m school which is due to open in September.

The academy has a specialism of Business and Enterprise, with a strong emphasis on vocational learning, and Sean's role will be to build links with local employers to provide benefits to both businesses and the school.

Sean said: "The education system is changing and we are thinking creatively and differently about how to deliver training and qualifications to meet the needs of employers and make young people employable."

Prior to his role at the chamber, Sean was in charge of vocational learning at the local Training and Enterprise Council and for the last two years has been a consultant. He feels his new role is an excellent progression: "Milton Keynes has a 'can do' attitude and this is not just another school, it is an iconic school, in keeping with the spirit of the new city. We will be working innovatively and aspire to be the best nationally for business engagement. Encouraging enterprise and entrepreneurial skills will be at the core of the school ethos," said the father of two from Downhead Park.

His plans include mentoring services, guru lectures and ongoing work experience programmes. He is currently on the board of Countec and Milton Keynes College.

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FASTSIGNS sign and graphics centre in Bletchley has completed its first 'sign of kindness' for the leading national charity the Spinal Injuries Association by donating a pull-up banner for the charity to take to exhibitions.

Fastsigns Milton Keynes is committed to donating a sign to a different charity each month throughout 2009, as part of their 'sign of kindness' initiative.

The SIA is a unique, user led charity, with all its Trustees being spinal cord injured themselves, offering support and assistance to their members and provide services to increase the individual's quality of life.

Alan Grimes, owner of Fastsigns Milton Keynes, said: "The SIA is a very worthy cause and we are pleased to be able to make this contribution to their work. We look forward to helping more charities in the future."

Elizabeth Wright, Donor Development Officer at SIAsaid: "Fastsigns have been great and we're thrilled with our sign. We will use the sign at all of our events such as the London Marathon and our dinner events to celebrate our 35th Anniversary year."

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Ian Jackson from Hampton Brook and Martin Williams MD of Landmark Wholesale

Landmark move in to bespoke offices

AFTER a nine month build programme Landmark Wholesale has just moved in to its new bespoke central office premises in Milton Keynes.

In 2008 the company identified a need for a headquarters of distinction and selected Hampton Brook's aptly named 'Kudos' office scheme at Knowhill.

Landmark purchased the bespoke 8,000 sq ft off plan with an impressive build specification - air-conditioned accommodation over two floors, providing flexible open plan space accessed from an imposing glass fronted reception area.

The property also features a passenger lift and generous on-site car parking provision. The business and workforce has seen steady growth over the past few years and needed the new space to accommodate this growth and the future of the business.

"The 'Kudos' style and location made the selection decision extremely easy for us and we now looking forward to enjoying the expanded facilities after moving from our existing premises on Silbury Boulevard," said Andrew Thewlis, finance director of Landmark Wholesale.

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FSB call to make business rate relief automatic

BUSINESSES in England are calling for the tax relief they are eligible for to be made automatic – saving them £400 million in total each year.

More than half of small businesses miss out on claiming back up to £1,200 off their business rates because they are unaware they are entitled to do so.

Now they are calling on their MPs to support a Private Members Bill which would see business rate relief granted automatically for small businesses.

Business rates are the third largest cost to small firms, after salaries and rent.

Yet, many small businesses are unaware they are entitled to rate relief because many local authorities do not publicise it well enough. Every year, around £400 million, calculated and earmarked by the Treasury for eligible businesses, goes unclaimed –even though this money poses no extra cost to the Government or tax payer.

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) is working with a leading MP to pioneer a Private Members Bill to make rate relief for small firms automatic, as it is in Wales.

Tabled by Peter Luff, Conservative MP for Mid Worcestershire and Chairman of the Business and Enterprise committee, the Small Business Rate Relief (Automatic Payment) Bill, is due to be debated in the House of Commons on Friday, 6 March.

Mr Luff also tabled an Early Day Motion in Parliament to raise support for the Bill.

Allan Banks, North Bucks Branch Chair said: "After rent and wages, rates are the biggest cost to a business and automatically getting the relief they are entitled to would be extremely welcome. During the recession, this cash injection could save many small businesses from laying-off staff or closing down completely.

"FSB members across Milton Keynes will be contacting their MP to ask them to support the bill and we would encourage all small firms to contact their MP".

"Following contact from a local business Mark Lancaster MP has already pledged his support for the bill"

Award winners: l/r Linda Jarvis, parnership director LSC, Chris Banks, chairman LSC and Rob Badcock - principal and chief executive, Rob Jones, vice principal for marketing and business developement and Di Cook, head of business developement at MK College

College picks up 100th training quality award

MILTON Keynes College has become the 100th training provider to achieve the highest training accolade possible for its work with local companies.

The Training Quality Standard (TQS) award was presented by Chris Banks, chairman of the Learning and Skills Council at a special visit to the University Centre Milton Keynes.

During his visit Mr Banks said: "I would like to congratulate Milton Keynes College for its achievement in gaining the Training Quality Standard. I believe that the Standard makes a real difference to the quality of training being offered to employers and that they can trust it as a real mark of excellence."

Milton Keynes College achieved the TQS alongside Bradford College. They join a list of 101 providers including BMW, British Gas, Rolls-Royce and the FA Premier League, all of which have been awarded the standard for their own in-house training, as well as a growing number of colleges and private sector training providers.

Rob Jones, vice principal, business development and marketing at MK College, added: "We are delighted and proud to have achieved the Training Quality Standard, which is an endorsement of the excellent work the college does with a huge range of employers in Milton Keynes. In these challenging economic times, the college is ideally placed to assist businesses and individuals in achieving the skills they need to maximise their potential."

Further Education Minister Sion Simon said: "By using those with the Training Quality Standard, employers can be confident that training on offer will best respond to their needs. I hope other colleges will follow the example of Milton Keynes College and work towards achieving the standard."

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MK companies weathering the economic storm

FACING increasingly uncertain times many developers and landlords are turning their minds to more innovative ways to continue attracting businesses.

Paul Davies of Bidwells said: "MK has been weathering the downturn very well so far. 2008 was a good year for the town - many new businesses moved into the area and other well-established MK firms moved to new premises to accommodate expansion.

"In the Centre for Cities Outlook report for 2009, Milton Keynes is ranked in the top 10 most economically prosperous cities in the UK, and ranked third highest for economic growth.

City is ranked in top ten of country's most prosperous

In these difficult times we are pleased that developers and landlords are realistic in their expectations and keen to offer the right incentives to help businesses through these increasingly challenging times."

Extended rent free periods, concessionary rents and index linked rent reviews all add to the package of incentives that can be offered to new tenants.

Redmoor Link - a brand new 27,000 sq ft warehouse/production unit is just one example where such measures can be offered.

"Rent frees and discounted rents may be common on second hand stock, but in this instance Darby Group are offering both incentives a rent free period and an initial period of occupation at half rent - all in a bid to work with tenants during these difficult times, and give them confidence to invest" added Paul.

■ If you are interested in industrial, office or retail premises in Milton Keynes, contact Bidwells on 01908 202190.

Council offers free CV writing course

A FREE CV writing and job searching skills course is being offered by Milton Keynes Council to people finding themselves out of work due to the impact of the recession.

Staff at Milton Keynes Adult Continuing Education Service and the Library Service heard about the increasing numbers of people seeking help finding work and decided to set up a job hunters course to help.

People can sign up you join a short (10 hour) course in CV writing and job search at the Central Library in Central Milton Keynes later this month.

Careers advice will also be available from the Government's Next Step service. People will be asked to sign up for 3 evenings in the week.

Anyone completing the course will also be advised about other help and learning opportunities.

Cllr Vanessa McPake, cabinet member responsible for Libraries and Lifelong Learning, said: "This is one of the ways MK Council is helping meet local needs. I am so proud that the services are responding so quickly to the economic recession."

People interested in joining the course should call Adult Continuing Education (ACE): Ros Ford on 01908 556758 or Chris Bendall on 01908 556742.

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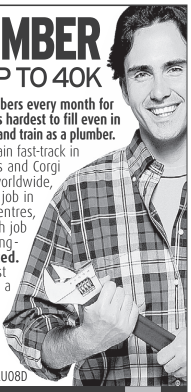

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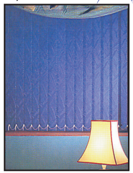

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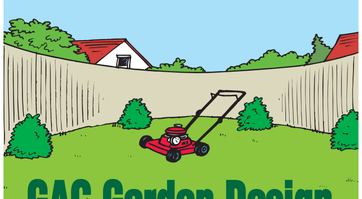

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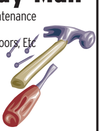

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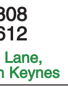

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On occasions the behaviour of these drinkers cannot legally be considered to be "drunk and disorderly", so the Police did not have the powers to intervene. However, the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 the Violent Crime Prevention Act 2006 and the Local Government (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007 has enabled local authorities to make an Order where they are satisfied that nuisance, annoyance or disorder is associated with the consumption of alcohol in any public place has occurred.

Following public consultation this area has been considered and as from 1st March 2009 the Drinking Control Area will be in force. A map showing the area can be seen at Thames Valley Police - Central Milton Keynes Police Station. Milton Keynes Council, The Civic Offices - Environmental Health Division and the Parish Office, 21 Glovers Lane, Heelands, Milton Keynes, MK13 7LW. Signs are to be erected in the area in conjunction with Bradwell Parish Council.

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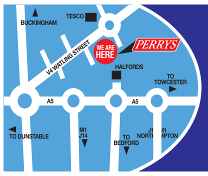

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August			
9	Leicester	A	0-2
12	Norwich (CC)	H	1-0
16	Northampton	H	1-0
23	Huddersfield	A	3-1
26	Cardiff (CC)	A	1-2
30	Swindon	H	1-2
September			
6	Yeovil	H	3-0
13	Oldham	A	0-2
20	Colchester	A	3-0
27	Peterborough	H	1-2
October			
4	Millwall	A	4-0
7	Bournemouth JPT	H	0-1
11	Carlisle	H	3-1
18	Crewe	A	1-1
21	Stockport	H	1-2
25	Cheltenham	H	3-1
28	Leyton Orient	A	2-1
November			
1	Tranmere	H	1-0
8	Bradford (FAC)	H	1-2
15	Hartlepool	A	3-1
22	Walsall	A	3-0
25	Hereford	H	3-0
December			
6	Scunthorpe	H	0-2
12	Brighton	A	4-2
20	Leeds	H	3-1
26	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
28	Southend	H	2-0
January			
12	Colchester	H	1-1
17	Carlisle	A	2-3
20	Peterborough	A	0-0
27	Leyton Orient	H	1-2
31	Cheltenham	A	5-3
February			
3	Stockport	A	1-0
14	Hartlepool	H	3-1
21	Tranmere	A	
28	Leicester	H	
March			
3	Northampton	A	
7	Swindon	A	
10	Huddersfield	H	
14	Oldham	H	
17	Millwall	H	
21	Yeovil	A	
24	Crewe	H	
28	Leeds	A	
April			
4	Brighton	H	
10	Southend	A	
13	Bristol Rovers	H	
18	Scunthorpe	A	
25	Walsall	H	
May			
2	Hereford	A	

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Top: Jemal Johnson fires in a cross
Above: Dean Lewington watches as his diving header heads for the net
Right: Skipper Lewi celebrates with Sam Baldock and Tore Andre Flo

Dazzler Jemal's in the pink

MK DONS 3

Gerba 37, 90, Lewington 86

HARTLEPOOL UNITED 1

Lange 36

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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SKIPPER Dean Lewington says MK Dons have changed so much in the past three years you wouldn't believe it is the same club.

Cast your mind back to 2005/06 the Dons were unsuccessfully fighting for their lives in League One and now they are challenging for promotion into the Championship.

And in those dark times this was a game they would have lost.

A dreadful half-an-hour resulted in a rare mistake from Alan Navarro, and a simple goal for Pools' Rune Lange.

The Dons of old would have capitulated under such an error, yet the Dons of new used it to rocket themselves into action. A minute later Navarro started a move which saw Canadian international striker Ali Gerba equalise with a deflected shot.

Gerba has been sat on the bench for months due to the red-hot form of Aaron Wilbraham, but he was given his chance due to the former's suspension.

Despite looking well off the pace Gerba played the full 90 minutes, and you could argue if he could score twice on a poor day, what can he do on a good day?

After the goal the Dons shook off the below-par start and began to up the tempo.

For a while Hartlepool could cope as Arran Lee-Barrett pulled off a string of fine saves to deny Lewington, Jason Puncheon and Jemal Johnson.

Winger Johnson proved his pink boots have done his performance no harm since their debut in Brighton last year, with yet another dazzling display on the flanks.

Four minutes from time his link-up play with Lewington gave the Dons a vital break through.

Lewington ghosted in at the near post with a diving header for his second goal of the season. His first came at Hartlepool in spectacular fashion, but this was more important judging by the way the team celebrated with the Cowshed.

After seven short appearances for the Dons substitute Tore Andre Flo, who began his career at Tromso – the same club as Pools' Lange, finally showed his class with a late break into the box, he could have scored but unselfishly cut the ball back for Gerba who completed the scoring.

Speaking after the game, Lewington said: "I think the club has grown beyond recognition. It's such a different club to what it was a couple of years back, we have so much talent on the bench and we find ourselves quite lucky at the moment."

On a day when teams around them slipped up the Dons recognised these were three big points.

Lewington added: "We're just looking to get as many points as we can, when we get to April we can seriously start to look but there are so many big teams and it's already quite tight up there. We're not getting carried away."

MK DONS: Gueret, Lewington (c), Llera, Stirling, Regan, Puncheon (Leven 65), Chadwick, (Flo 78) Navarro, Johnson, Baldock (Magnay 90), Gerba. Booked: Navarro, Llera
HARTLEPOOL UNITED: Lee-Barrett, Humphreys, Nelson (c), Collins, Liddle, Monkhouse, Sweeney, Foley (Mackay 82), Rowell (Power 85), Lange, Henderson. Booked: Henderson
Referee: Oliver Langford (West Midlands)
Attendance: 8,657

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME					AWAY						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leicester	31	11	5	1	30	10	9	4	1	29	14	35	69
2	**MK Dons**	**30**	**9**	**1**	**5**	**27**	**15**	**10**	**2**	**3**	**34**	**18**	**28**	**60**
3	Peterborough	30	9	4	2	30	16	6	4	5	26	25	15	53
4	Scunthorpe	29	8	3	3	28	18	8	2	5	24	20	14	53
5	Oldham	31	9	6	1	31	14	5	5	5	18	23	12	53
6	Millwall	28	9	3	2	19	12	6	3	5	20	20	7	51
7	Leeds	30	9	2	4	30	17	6	1	8	18	19	12	48
8	Tranmere	30	10	2	3	28	15	4	3	8	14	21	6	47
9	Huddersfield	31	8	5	4	24	19	5	3	6	17	24	-2	47
10	Stockport	30	6	5	5	25	20	6	4	4	21	15	11	45
11	Colchester	30	5	3	7	16	16	7	3	5	27	26	1	42
12	Walsall	31	8	1	6	24	23	3	6	7	19	23	-3	40
13	Southend	29	8	2	4	17	12	2	5	8	17	33	-11	37
14	Bristol Rovers	28	6	3	4	26	18	3	6	6	21	24	5	36
15	Carlisle	30	7	2	5	26	20	3	4	9	14	27	-7	36
16	Yeovil	29	3	6	5	15	19	6	3	6	14	19	-9	36
17	Hartlepool	30	6	6	3	32	25	3	2	10	12	25	-6	35
18	Northampton	29	6	6	3	23	14	2	3	9	17	26	0	33
19	Leyton Orient	31	3	4	8	12	20	4	5	7	12	19	-15	30
20	Swindon	28	4	4	6	22	26	2	7	5	18	22	-8	29
21	Brighton	29	3	4	8	19	28	3	6	5	14	17	-12	28
22	Hereford	28	4	4	5	17	13	2	2	11	10	32	-18	24
23	Crewe	28	5	2	6	18	24	1	2	12	16	36	-26	22
24	Cheltenham	28	4	4	7	23	31	1	2	10	13	34	-29	21

Not including last night's games

> There are so many big teams and it's already quite tight up there. We're not getting carried away
>
> **– Dons skipper Dean Lewington**

PREVIEW

TRANMERE ROVERS

League One
Saturday, February 21
Prenton Park KO 3pm

TRANMERE are pushing for a place in the play-offs but have the likes of Leeds, Millwall and Huddersfield to compete with.

Last year Rovers spent the majority of the season in and around the play-offs but fell away towards the end of the season and manager Ronnie Moore is determined not to do that again.

And their home form will be key if they are to be successful in their late charge.

Prior to their meeting with Peterborough last night, Rovers had won 10, drawn two and lost three at Prenton Park.

Two familiar faces in the Tranmere line-up are former Dons Ben Chorley and Gareth Edds.

After serving a one match suspension Aaron Wilbraham will be back in the fold for the Dons this week.

Despite scoring twice in the win over Hartlepool it is likely Ali Gerba will drop to the bench.

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

DANIEL Powell has become the second MK Dons academy product to sign professional terms with the club.

The 17-year-old penned a two-and-a-half-year deal at stadiummk last week.

It comes six months before Roberto Di Matteo and academy boss Mike Dove were due to discuss possible contracts for the second-year scholars.

Wide man Powell joined the Dons when he was 13 and his name is already in the history books since becoming the youngest goalscorer for the club.

Powell said: "I'm very grateful to the manager for giving me the opportunity to play, and it shows young players coming through the Academy that the club has a manager who has faith in young players.

"I've still got a lot to learn and a lot to improve on, but I want to develop into the player the club thinks I can be."

Sam Baldock was the first academy player to break into the first team.

ACADEMY star Charlie Collins has been in international action for Republic of Ireland Under-19s.

Collins, 17, came on as an 80th minute substitute in the 2-1 defeat to Russia.

The first year scholar went close to stealing a late equaliser only for a Russian defender to make a vital goal line clearance.

Collins said: "I think the players can consider themselves unlucky they lost."

"We had the majority of possession in the game and produced six real chances, taking only one in the end which was a disappointment. However, these two matches against Russia are a great learning experience for these boys. We had ten corners and Russia had just three, so that says a lot about how much of the attacking play we had."

Russia won the second meeting 4-1.

FORMER MK Dons captain Keith Andrews made his first start for the Republic of Ireland last week.

The midfielder, who moved to Blackburn in the summer, played 90 minutes in the 2-1 win against Georgia in a World Cup qualifier.

Andrews looked to have scored, which would have been an equaliser, but it was controversially ruled off side.

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Three wins from three see Lightning cement third spot

ICE HOCKEY

MK LIGHTNING 4
TELFORD TIGERS 3

WIGHTLINK RAIDERS 4
MK LIGHTNING 6

SWINDON WILDCATS 1
MK LIGHTNING 2

THREE victories in four days have helped MK Lightning consolidate third place in the English Premier League.

It was the perfect weekend for Lightning as they banished their run of inconsistent results to beat Telford Tigers, Wightlink Raiders and Swindon Wildcats.

Lightning came from two goals down to level the score through Adam Carr and Andre Smulter.

Telford struck again but Nick Poole linked up with Carr to take the game into over time.

Eventually, Smulter and Joakim Wiklander won the match for Lightning on penalties.

They made sure the game against Wightlink was tied up much earlier with Poole opening the scoring in 3.48minutes.

Three goals in one minute from Wiklander, Clarke and Smulter during the second period gave Lightning a healthy 4-1 lead, soon Lightning hit five when Michael Wales struck on the half-hour mark.

As Lightning began to ease off Wightlink kicked into gear and scored three times with twelve minutes remaining.

But Gary Clarke netted the final goal of the match on 59.24 to cement the win.

Lightning would have been more than happy with four points from the triple fixture.

And when Swindon's Kohut cancelled out Clarke's 16.02 goal in the second period a tense final twenty minutes were set-up.

The game was marred by a high penalty count and while Swindon's Moore served two minutes for tripping, player-coach Poole grabbed the winner a minute into the final period.

Lightning remain third in the table but have a game in hand over second placed Guildford Flames, and Slough Jets, who are in fourth, have played an extra two games.

Nick Poole Pic Jez Tibbetts

■ **On Saturday MK Lightning host Wightlink Raiders at Planet Ice, face-off is 7pm, on Sunday they travel to Telford Tigers at 5.30pm.**

Wolves win puts them level with Lions

BASKETBALL

A MIXED bag of results at the weekend has loosened MK Lions' grip on seventh place in the British Basketball League.

Worcester Wolves moved level with the Lions on points following a 90-86 victory over Vince Macaulay's side.

Lions do still have three games in hand over Wolves and they would remain in the play-offs should they fall to eighth.

However, Lions are in need of back-to-back wins if they are to push up the table to secure an easier play-off opponent.

The Lions did record victory over Sheffield Sharks which sent their guests crashing down the table.

MK LIONS 96
Obazuaye 20, Eddie 20, New 14

SHEFFIELD SHARKS 79
Sanders 24, Gorman 17, Rivers 14

WORCESTER WOLVES 90
Paez 32, Brown 22, Uzkuratis 15

MK LIONS 86
Eddie 22, New 18, Brown 12

Lions were quick off the mark with a ten point lead on the back of two Tommie Eddie baskets before Sharks began to respond.

Sheffield came back to within a point when James Whyte instigated an 11-4 run and Matt Gorman nailed a three, but Dru Spinks netted two free-throws to maintain a slender 23-20 lead for the Lions.

The sides continued to trade baskets in the second period although neither were able to put together a meaningful run and by half-time Lions had extended their advantage to 48-44.

Sharks came out stronger in the third with a 6-2 run levelling the scores before they took the lead for the first time in the game.

A late 8-0 run by the Lions pulled the deficit back to two points.

Robert Youngblood then kick-started a vital 18-2 burst, with a five from Yorick Williams and eight from Mike New, to wrap up the victory.

On Sunday Lions fell four points short of another remarkable comeback.

Trailing Wolves 52-35 at half-time scores from Eddie, Simon Emmerson and Terrell Brown dragged the Lions back to 64-66 with ten minutes remaining.

When Eddie bagged two free-throws in the dying seconds Lions looked set to be taking the game into overtime but a missed three-pointer from the visitors cost them the win over their play-off rivals.

■ LIONS host Guildford Heat at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Saturday, tip-off 7.30pm.

There's nothing rotten in the state of Denmark

BADMINTON

TEAM England threw away a surprise 2-0 lead in the European Team Championships as they lost 3-2 to Denmark.

The team, who are based at the National Badminton Centre in MK, were given a flying start in the final when European champions and world number four pair Anthony Clark and Donna Kellogg won the mixed doubles.

Andrew Smith then edged out world number six Joachim Persson for the first time in eight men's singles meetings.

Tine Rasmussen took Denmark's first point when she defeated Elizabeth Cann, then Clark and Nathan Robertson, winning his 98th cap, lost out to Carsten Mogensen and Mathias Boe.

Kellogg and Jenny Wallwork were left with the task of winning the decider but Kamilla Rytter Juhl and Marie Roepke were too strong for them and won 21-14 21-15 to complete the fightback.

England head coach Ian Wright said: "We got a good start but we need to be finishing off matches like this.

"We showed a lot of guts in the way we played against Poland but I am very disappointed that we couldn't finish off Denmark. We came here for the gold medal, we had the chance, but we didn't take it.

"We have the talent coming through, we have the coaches and the facilities but we need the team to be tougher – like Denmark were tonight."

Olney woe – and Bletchley lose for eighth straight game

RUGBY

SOUTH WEST TWO EAST DIVISION

A POOR performance cost Olney as they suffered a 34-7 defeat by High Wycombe.

Any hope Olney had of picking up a result away from home disappeared when they failed to make try-saving tackles on their hosts.

Two penalties gave Wycombe a 6-0 lead which was soon extended to 14 points after two missed tackles allowed their winger crossed the line.

Both sides were reduced to 14 men when Chris Parnham and the Wycombe second row were sin binned for their brawl on field yet Wycombe continued in the same fashion with another try taking the score to 19-0 at half-time.

The woe continued for Olney as Wycombe added further to the scoreline with a converted try.

Olney scrum half James Hannah eventually got the visitors on the score board with a great individual effort which was converted by Dave Smith.

Despite looking stronger Olney conceded two late tries to give the home side a comfortable win.

BLETCHLEY are desperately searching for a turn in fortunes following their eighth straight defeat.

Although a much improved display from recent weeks the outcome was still the same for Bletchley.

Hosts Reading Abbey took a three point lead in the opening moments before Kevin Turnbull levelled the scores with a well struck drop-goal.

But Abbey then stepped up the gears with two converted penalties handing them an early 17-3 lead.

An Abbey forward was yellow carded and Bletchley took full advantage with minutes remaining before the break scrum half Jack Couzens dashed over for an unconverted try.

After the restart quick ball across the backs gave outside centre Adam Griffiths the opportunity to score under the posts.

Turnbull added the conversion to pull the scores to 17-15.

Yet, a dropped ball gave Abbey their third try, and the fourth came minutes after Bletchley were reduced to 14 men.

Flanker Paul Evans showed the agility of a back when he weaved his way into Abbey's 22 metres before offloading to Couzens, who grabbed his second try of the game.

Turnbull's conversion made the final score Abbey 34, Bletchley 22.

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Webber at the wheel

MARK Webber's first stint in a racing car after breaking his leg was a successful one as he got his hand on the new RB5.

The Aussie completed 83 laps around the Jerez track during Red Bull Racing's second day of testing.

Webber said:" From my point of view, it all went better than expected and to do over a race distance on my first day back in the cockpit, with several weeks to go to Melbourne is a really good thing."

The following day team mate Sebastian Vettel completed 92 laps before the car was sideline with some bodywork damage.

Red Bull Racing completed a number of tests on aerodynamics, and mechanical set up. The MK team will return to testing on March 1.

Poulter eyes up Perth

GOLFER Ian Poulter will return to the course tomorrow in the Johnnie Walker Classic in Perth.

Poulter has been out of action following corrective eye surgery and it is his first tournament since November.

The Woburn pro will be up against stars such as Anthony Kim, Paul Cassey, Colin Montgomerie and Nick Dougherty.

Poulter has also promised to auction one of his trademark outfits to raise money for the Victoria bushfire appeal.

Local football

ONCE again local football fixtures fell foul to the weather conditions.

A number of frozen and waterlogged pitches prevented most football fixtures in the Molten Spartan South Midlands league. In division one Winslow United v Arlesey Athletic, Sport London e Benfica v Stony Stratford Town and Brache Sparta v New Bradwell St Peter were all off.

Division two games Mursley United v Wodson Park and Old Bradwell United v Tring Corinthians were also cancelled.

Snow also prevented Blackstones hosting Newport Pagnell Town in the United Counties Premier League.

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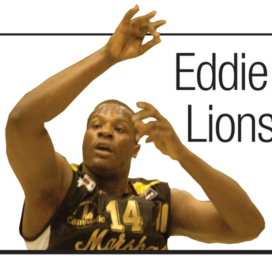

Eddie on target as Lions have mixed weekend

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Hamstring puts Chadwick in doubt for Tranmere trip

LUKE Chadwick has emerged as a doubt for MK Dons' trip to Tranmere Rovers on Saturday.

The tricky winger, pictured in action against Hartlepool, was substituted during the Dons' win complaining of suffering a tight hamstring.

Yesterday he sat out of training and was due to undergo a scan.

Aaron Wilbraham and Ali Gerba also missed the training session although Wilbraham was due to rejoin the team today.

Roberto Di Matteo is boosted by Peter Leven's return from injury, while Shaun Cummings is once again available for selection.

With a packed schedule ahead Di Matteo is delighted to see players returning.

He said: "We're looking forward to a very difficult six to eight weeks with many, many games so it's good all the players are back in the squad. It gives us a good foundation for the games."

The manager still refuses to get carried away with the position the Dons find themselves in with 16 games to go.

He added: "We are preparing game by game. Now we are preparing for Tranmere away, after Tranmere we will prepare for the next game.

"They are very tough, physically very good, quality players in the team. It's going to be a tough away game for us.

Although the Dons currently sit in second place Di Matteo says he has not set a points target to secure promotion.

"Perfect would be to win every game," the Italian added, "which is probably impossible.

"You know what you need to be in the play-offs or in automatic promotion – you need to win games."

Turin cloud for Pickering

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MILTON Keynes athletes endured a torrid time at the Aviva European Trials and UK Championships in Sheffield at the weekend.

Three members of the Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club attended the event but none came home with medals.

Although Kadi-Ann Thomas came closest in the women's 60 meters only to cross the line in fourth place.

Twenty-three-year-old Thomas was the success story for MK after finishing third in 7.53seconds in her heats, the runner was pipped to a bronze medal by Ireland's Ailis McSweeney.

Thomas ran an improved time in the final, 7.49sec, but McSweeney, 7.43sec, was too quick.

Unfortunately, that was the closest any MK athlete came to a medal.

Sprinter Craig Pickering's chance of guaranteeing a place in the European Indoor Championships in Turin go up in smoke when he was disqualified for a false start.

Victory would have secured him a place in the Championships next month but his eager start cost him a place in the semi-finals.

It meant Pickering, 22, could only sit and watch on as Dwain Chambers eased to victory, reclaiming his 60meters title, and there was the little fact that he became the joint quickest man in the world this year with a stunning 6.51secs.

Pickering has previously spoken out against Chambers, who served a two-year ban in 2003 for failing a drug test, and they will go head-to-head on Saturday at the Grand Prix in Birmingham.

It is Pickering's last chance to impress selectors before they announce the team for Turin.

Pickering could also still be picked for the relay team which is decided by coach Charles van Commenee.

He has openly admitted he has struggled for form over the past two years, but Pickering has run under the required qualifying 6.65sec standard.

In January Pickering won the International Match at Glasgow in 6.57secs.

Elsewhere, Chris Clarke suffered a similar fate to Pickering when he was also disqualified.

Clarke won his 200meters heat with a time of 21.11secs, well ahead of second placed Nigel Levine in 21.57.

And had he have carried that time through to the final, Clarke would have taken silver.

Instead a false start cost him his spot in the line-up.

Long jumper Greg Rutherford withdrew from the event due to a virus in the build up to the event.

Last chance: Craig Pickering

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